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ON EVE OF PEACE TALKS

Gov't Delegates Busy Holding Consultations Meanwhile War Goes On

Shanghai, March 28

Preparations for peace talks and further fighting continued side by side in Nationalist China today on the eve of opening of formal negotiations for a settlement of the civil war.

India Ends Europeans' Privileges

New Delhi, March 28.
The Indian Parliament today passed without a debate a bill abolishing the existing discriminations in favour of British and other Europeans, and Americans in the criminal law of India.

The passage of the bill took less than five minutes and was loudly cheered by the House.

The Home Minister, Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, moving the bill, said: "Now that the country is free, the focus of racial discrimination must disappear from the statute book."

The passing of the bill marked the final step in the removal of nearly two centuries of special privileges for Europeans. In 1925, a similar bill was introduced by Sardar Patel's elder brother, Vithalji Patel, and failed when the debate was adjourned indefinitely.—Reuter.

China Reds' New Charge Against U.S.

Nanking, March 28.
The Communist controlled press in Peiping has charged that B-29 bombers with American markings carried out raids which destroyed the cruiser Chungking at Hulutao on March 19 after it defected to Communism. It was reliably learned today.

The Chinese press in the Red capital also carried an official Communist handout which said three American submarines appeared off Hulutao on March 20 as part of the same operation.

The Chungking was knocked out by Nationalist bombers which scored three hits with 1,000 pound bombs on March 18 and March 19. The Communist radio subsequently admitted destruction of the vessel at its mooring in the Manchurian port of Hulutao and said the raids were carried out by American-made B-29s.

American Naval authorities in Shanghai have denied that any American submarines operated near Hulutao at that time.—Associated Press.

About 100,000 Reds Operate In S. China

Canton, March 28.
There are nearly 100,000 Communist irregulars operating in South China, according to an unofficial Chinese source.

Known officially as "bandit groups," the irregulars are believed to be well-armed.

According to a local Chinese newspaper there are 30,000 Communist irregulars in Hainan Island, 10,000 on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border, 8,000 in Southern Kwangtung, 7,000 along the upper West River area, 10,000 in Northern Kwangtung, 7,000 in the Central part of the province, 6,000 in the East River area and 21,000 along Kwangtung's seacoast.

Though the unofficial estimate may be exaggerated, there has been a steady and progressive increase in Communist irregulars in the past three years.

Official figures show that in 1947 there were under 10,000 "bandits"; there were 10,000 in 1947, nearly 20,000 in 1948 and 30,000 now.

Nationalist troops mustered along the Yangtze River were reported to be kept busy strengthening defences at all vital crossing points as further Communist deployments took place on the North bank.

Despite the imminent opening of peace talks, Nationalist military circles are said to be expecting an early Communist offensive, aimed at eliminating many scattered Nationalist bridgeheads on the North bank of the river.

Anking was quiet today after the fighting of the last three days between Communist and Nationalist troops, the latest despatches received here. Reports said there had been no fighting in or near the city within the past 24 hours.

Anking is a strategic Nationalist bridgehead on the North bank of the Yangtze, about 200 miles South West of Nanking.

Nationalist military authorities yesterday ordered the evacuation of dependents and non-essential personnel from Government-held bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtze opposite the Nanking-Shanghai area.

In issuing the order, Nationalist Army Headquarters at Chinkiang said the action was taken because there has been no abatement in Communist military activity in that area despite the imminent peace negotiations in Peiping. Chinkiang is the provincial capital of Kiangsu, about 40 miles East of Nanking.

Round Of Discussion

Meanwhile the Nationalist peace delegates have begun a round of consultations in the capital to ascertain the views of all sections of the Kuomintang Government before they fly to Peiping on Thursday to begin formal peace negotiations on Friday with the Communists.

Today they met the President of the Control Yuan, Mr. Ya Yuan-jen, head of the Government's highest supervisory body, and later legislators. Tonight they are meeting the President and the Prime Minister. Tomorrow, they are scheduled to confer again with other local officials and on Wednesday they will meet Kuomintang's policy-making organizations, the Central Executive Committee and the Central Political Council.

The leader of the delegation, General Chang Chih-chung, today confirmed that the delegates would not go to Chikow to see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek before they leave for Peiping.

He said it was probable that the first discussions in Peiping would be of a preparatory nature, fixing the form of negotiations. General Chang said that he would never be pessimistic about the outcome of negotiations.

Compromise Possible

Despite the Communist Radio's reiteration on Saturday night that the forthcoming peace talks would be based on the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung's eight peace terms, laid down in his January 14 statement, informed observers here expressed the belief that both sides would probably make concessions on more controversial points in an effort to achieve a settlement.

The Nationalist delegation thought, would urge that Condition No. 1—the punishment of criminals—be modified and limited to a complete elimination from Chinese politics of such leaders as had been ardent supporters and advocates of the civil war. Condition No. 2—the abrogation of the Constitution—be deferred until a new National Assembly could be elected. Condition No. 3—the abolition of the present political system—be implemented as soon as a Coalition Government has been formed.

Condition No. 4—the reorganization of the army—carried out on the principle of the nationalization of the armed forces.

The Nationalist delegation may suggest that a sort of plebiscite be held among the troops themselves for or against, remaining in the Army.

Condition No. 7—the abolition of "traitorous" treaties—be effected only after a careful study of the existing agreements.

Condition No. 8—the banning of "reactionary" elements from the Political Consultative Conference—be given the most liberal interpretation possible to permit the maximum number of Kuomintang members attending the projected Consultative Conference.

Conditions Nos. 5 and 6—the confiscation of bureaucratic capital and the enforcement of land reform—are expected to be accepted by the Nationalist delegates without discussion as similar measures which had been advocated by Nanking.

Observers consider the question of army reorganization will be the major hurdle to be overcome in the peace talks.

Reds Impatient

Some sources close to official Nationalist quarters said the peace delegates were likely to reach Peiping with a long agenda of items for discussion and may have to refer all important proposals to Nanking for final decision.

Observers think that if this happens, the militarily dominant Communists might soon become impatient.

The prospect of a full-scale Communist attack across the Yangtze beginning on May 1, however, seems more probable than peace, they said.

May 1 is predicted by military observers as the date for the attack because the water level of the Yangtze will then be at its highest and the Communists will have the most advantageous conditions for Communist military operations.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H. R. H. Prince Charles both were very attractive when they visited the Slatter Gallery in Bond Street, London recently to see an exhibition of Dutch and Flemish paintings organized in memory of Ralph Warner.—Associated Press Photo.

Over-Size Frogs Hop Here From New York

Eighty-four frogs the size of chicken hopped into Hong Kong yesterday—all the way from New York.

The oversize croakers came into Kai Tak by Pan American plane from Manila. They are on their way to the Singapore "frog farm" of Mr. Ho Chew-hock, who intends to breed them to sell for eating purposes.

Mr. Ho, who was at the airport to meet the "emigrants," said that these are not the ordinary, garden-variety frog known in Hong Kong and Singapore that are somewhat scorned by cooks. He said that these are giant-type bullfrogs "as big as chicken" and weigh three to four pounds each.

One of the crates had a hole one end where the curious could read in to test this statement. In the course of the afternoon a steady procession of airfield personnel and visitors withdrew their hands with awed expressions and nods of confirmation, leaving the frogs in a state of fright.

Mr. Ho explained that the idea for his "frog farm" dated back long to pre-war days. It originated in a book he had read. War interrupted his plans, so the two crocodiles of frogs now on their way to Singapore are exceptional. They will be the first one of their kind in Singapore.

If They Breed Well
If the flying 84-42 pairs—bred well in tropical climate, Mr. Ho will raise them for Singapore's hotels and restaurants.

"They taste like spring chicken," he declared. "In Paris they actually pass for spring chicken." In Singapore a chicken today costs HK\$1.00. He expects to sell his giant bullfrogs for HK\$4 apiece—if they cooperate. At present, because they are so rare there, he estimated the frogs were worth about HK\$100 each.

"Eventually we hope to export them to various places," Mr. Ho added. "And Hong Kong is only a few hours away by air."

In case the gourmards in our midst become too drooly, however, it will probably be over before any of the descendants of Mr. Ho's imported stock appear on the market.

They may not all turn up on platters either. Mr. Ho said that some might be used for laboratory purposes in medical colleges.

They Are Very Quiet

Whether all the hustle and bustle around them had frightened the frogs into silence or whether the darkness of their surroundings had simply made them sleepy, Mr. Ho did not say. But they were the quietest 84 live bullfrogs the size of chickens that ever huddled together on a Kai Tak air-strop. Mr. Ho did not favour suggestions that the lids

ATTRACTIVE HATS



Mr. Charles Loseby, Club President, announced yesterday that the next meeting of the Reform Club would be held at the same place on Thursday, April 14.

The meeting tonight, he said, will illustrate the organization methods of the Reform Club. Mr. Martin, he said, is the Chairman of the Club's Financial Affairs committee.

"I shall be disappointed if within a reasonable period of time Mr. Martin does not succeed in collecting around himself some of the best money brains in this place," Mr. Loseby stated.

Mr. Martin Speaks

Commencing his speech, Mr. T. A. Martin said:

"I am deputized this evening to give you the picture, as I see it, of the Estimates of Revenue and

Expenditure of this Colony for the year ending March 31 1950. "I hope that such picture may stimulate your interest in the debate, which will follow on the subsequent readings, before the Bill becomes law, because you have doubtless felt—as I have, that with direct taxation in the form of Business Profits Tax, Interest Tax and Salaries and Annuities Tax, now in full swing, this aspect of the Colony's activities is more than ever a personal one."

The figures and references emanating from the Financial Secretary when introducing the Bill can only be appreciated after careful study of this 100-page book and such a study involves an analysis of practically every page.

"The first place the headings of expenditure must be read with many reservations. For instance, let us endeavour to ascertain the principal burden of cost, that is Salaries and Wages or in Government parlance, 'Personal Emoluments.'"

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Enemy Plane Strafes Military Convoy

An enemy aircraft strafed an Army convoy of some 10 vehicles in the New Territories yesterday in the first phase of Exercise Lancer which began in the morning. There was no report of casualties.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 armed men, supported by one or two aircraft, are concentrating near the border to embark on a looting expedition.

British Sergeant Killed

A British sergeant, attached to the Royal Artillery, was killed in a jeep accident at Shatin yesterday during Exercise "Lancer." The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification to next of kin.

The sergeant was driving a jeep—No. 1051068—from Shatin to Tai Po. It is believed that the jeep for some reason, had veered to the left side of the railway track, throwing the driver from his seat. He was run over by the rear wheel of the vehicle and died instantly.

The authorities expect the subversive elements in the Colony to strike today in the form of food riots, looting, and attacks on police stations.

Reform Club Attacks HK's 1949-1950 Budget As 'Cold-Blooded' One

"The 1949-50 Budget is a 'cold-blooded' one in the sense that it makes provision for every conceivable Government need, but relegates to the limbo of the forgotten the poor taxpayer, who is left on his own beam-end where public amenities and his recreational facilities are concerned."

The foregoing was part of the speech delivered by Mr. F. E. d'Almeida Remedios, Hon. Secretary of the Reform Club at its third public meeting at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. T. A. Martin, Chartered Accountant and Club Treasurer, rose and delivered his address to the gathering of about 200 persons on the subject of the 1949-50 Budget.

"This is a little difficult as they are distributed over almost every page of the Estimates under different departmental heads. "It may be argued that such distribution facilitates comparison of the costs of running each Department but here again you are led up the garden path because entries under such headings as 'Miscellaneous Services,' 'Subventions,' 'Public Works Extraordinary,' and 'Rehabilitation Loan Expenditure' are in fact expenditures on Medical Services, Education, the Railway, the Police, Defence and so on, all of which have a vital bearing on the costs of these Departments."

"I have, therefore, re-arranged the headings of expenditure to enable you to form what, I venture to say, is—from our point of view (the humble taxpayer) an intelligible appreciation of where our money is going."

\$180,000,000

"Government wants \$180,000,000 from you this coming year, and in addition wishes to borrow, and spend, a further \$40,000,000. Dealing first with the \$180,000,000 to be collected in revenue—What is it to be spent on?"

"Here is the payroll—a necessary first with any organization: 'Salaries of Pensionable Staff including gratuity pay (\$3,000,000) \$31,000,000. 'Salaries of non-pensionable staff including gratuity pay, overtime allowances, &c., \$14,000,000. 'Cost of Living Allowances \$28,000,000. 'Transport of Government Officers (Passages) \$1,750,000. 'Pensions \$7,000,000."

"Making a total disbursement of \$81,450,000. "Likening Hong Kong's revenue potential to the proverbial cherry, the first bite represents more than \$45 for every \$100 to be collected in revenue."

"Now come what are described as 'Other Charges.' "These are the expenses incurred in running Departments like Fuel, Light and Power, Rent of Offices, Travelling Expenses, Uniforms, Upkeep of vehicles,

stores, and equipment, together with those expenses that are peculiar to the particular department concerned—like subsistence allowances, to unclassified teachers in training for the Education Department; training, equipment and clothing and camp pay for the Defence Force; consumption of coal and fuel for the Railway; repairs, improvements, stores, coal and fuel for the Marine Department; conveyance of mails for the Post Office; subsistence of prisoners for the Prisons Department; maintenance of Buildings, Crown Lands, Drainage, Port Works, Roads, Waterways, and Transport for the Public Works Department—and so on for the 40 odd Departments forming the Administration of this Colony."

"All these 'Other Charges' are estimated to cost \$47,000,000. That figure, the second bite, represents just more than \$28 out of every \$100 collectible in Revenue."

"Now we must have a nibble off that cherry for the interest and servicing of our public debt, which will cost \$5,500,000 and representing \$3 out of every \$100 of revenue collectible."

(Continued on Page 11).

Bomber Hits Mount Fuji, Four Aboard

Tokyo, March 28.

A U.S. Air Force B-26 bomber with four men aboard ploughed into the side of Mount Fuji late yesterday and for East Air Force Headquarters said it did not know whether any men had survived.

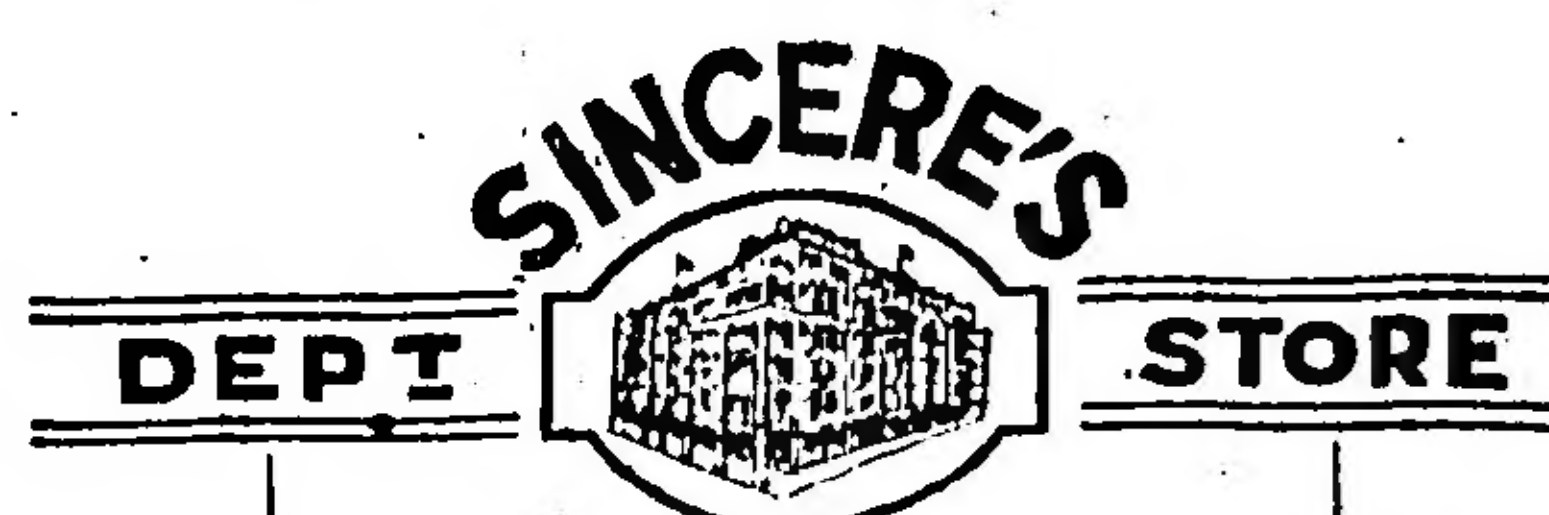
Headquarters said a First Cavalry Division rescue party had set out for the scene but was hampered by a snowstorm on the mountain side.

The plane was flying from Misawa air base in Northern Honshu on a navigation-training mission. It was bound for Komaki airbase near Nagoya.

Later Reuter reports that the wreckage of the B-26 light-bomber was located about 11,000 ft. today from the air by a helicopter.

Snow, ice and fog are so hampering the climb of the rescue parties that it is feared none of them will be able to arrive at the scene of the disaster today.—United Press and Reuter.

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Long Tenure Wanted For Bathing Sheds

The tenure for bathing sheds and sites should be for a minimum of five years—not one year as is the practice at present—according to the views of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

At this month's meeting of the Association it was stated that as it seems unlikely that Government will be able to start rehabilitation of bathing sheds within the next few years, the suggestion for a longer tenure should have been considered.

Among other matters discussed at the meeting was the question of obstructions in the bath and stairways of dwelling houses by the erection of shops and stalls.

In the opinion of the Association, it is not only unsatisfactory, but constitutes an additional fire hazard in respect of the tenants of the properties in question.

Government was approached with regard to the legality of the existence of such shops. It was found that Government possessed powers to deal with the matter. In view of the fact that further stalls are now appearing, it is regrettable that Government action has not yet been taken. The Association is again pressing the matter, it was stated yesterday.

Government's policy in respect of bathing sheds and beaches in general has been to allow tenancy on a one-year permit only. Consequently little or no work was carried out by permit holders during the first season.

This confirmed the Association's original views that the tenure should have been for a minimum period of five years, when the tenant would have been encouraged to effect satisfactory repairs.

Some Consideration

A further survey was taken by the Bathing Beaches Sub-Committee and a comprehensive report prepared. In view of the fact that it seems extremely unlikely that Government will be in a position to commence any rehabilitation of bathing sheds within the next few years, it was felt that some of the suggestions might reasonably have been given consideration.

Unfortunately, however, such was not the case, and it is felt that as the matter is of such interest to the residents, that the report should be published, added the statement released by the Association.

Following is the report of the Association's Bathing Sheds Sub-Committee:
"Before the next bathing season is upon us, the Bathing Sheds Sub-Committee considers that a review of Government policy in relation to bathing sheds in the New Territories is essential.
"The Sub-Committee has no complaint with regard to the method of allocating the sheds, or with the rental charges. Our chief complaint is that the period of permit of one year is much too short.

"Our investigations have shown that during the bathing season of 1948 about 10 per cent of the sites for type C sheds were occupied; 50 per cent of the type B and all of the type A sheds were occupied.

"At the commencement of the 1948 season many of the type A sheds were in good condition and only required doors and windows and general cleaning up to restore them almost to pre-war condition. For a permit of only one year, permit holders did not feel justified in spending more than the bare minimum on rehabilitation. A check on the work actually carried out on the A type sheds showed: Very good repairs 10 per cent; Good repairs 15 per cent; Minor repairs 45 per cent; Nothing done 30 per cent.

"An inspection of four of the largest beaches showed no work done on any of the B and C sites.

Recent Vandalism

"In some cases there was evidence of recent vandalism and looting on sheds where little or no repairs had been carried out. The Sub-Committee considers that, unless a more realistic policy is adopted, most of the sheds will soon fall into disrepair and become useless.

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Rad Accusations

Sir—As most of your readers are interested in reading Reuter's Nanking dispatch of March 21, which appeared in your paper the day next, about the Communist radio's charge against the British in Hong Kong and Malaya of being brutal and undemocratic towards the Chinese.

But, as a constant and careful listener to the North Sinoist radio, I would like to bring up to your readers something which Reuter did not tell.

First, it was not a charge made by the Chinese Communists, but a statement issued by 13 Chinese democratic leaders in Peking. They are Marshall Li Chai-sum and Messrs. Shen Chun-ja, Ma Hsu-lun, Kuo Mo-jo, Chung Po-chun, Tan Pin-shan, Peng Tze-nin, Tsai Ting-kai, Chang Nien-shih, Li Chang-in, Chen Chiu-yun, Hu Yu-chih. These are all familiar names to the inhabitants of both Hong Kong and Malaya. They are no Communists.

Secondly, in the statement there is no charge against the British authorities in Hong Kong on brutality. For the purpose of letting the truth speak itself, I would like to have your readers share the note which I took personally the other evening.

The broadcast runs as follows: "Thirteen democratic personalities in Peking protested against the persecution of overseas Chinese in the South Seas by British and other imperialists in a declaration issued today."

"They also denounced the Nanking Kuomintang reactionary government and its secret service agents in the South Seas for persecuting overseas Chinese in the past."

"Following the promulgation of the emergency law in Malaya last June, thousands of overseas Chinese have been thrown into jail or deported on to a 'justified' ground. Most of these overseas Chinese have stayed in Malaya for years and have contributed enormously to Malaya's economic construction and anti-Japanese struggle."

"But this is not all. They went to say since the promulgation of another special emergency law last January, whole villages of overseas Chinese were driven to concentration camps and then deported to China on the pretext of arresting 'suspects'."

"All these are flagrant violations of democratic self-government promised by the British government to the colonial peoples and of the principles of the United Nations Charter in its state. They added that all these are connected with the American Imperialists' aggressive plan of world conquest."

"The declaration also charged that the British government in Hong Kong deprived the Chinese in Hong Kong of their democratic rights in Hong Kong, arbitrarily searched their premises and arrested them and closed down the Ta Tei Institute operated by overseas Chinese."

"They also accuse the French and Dutch aggressors in Viet Nam and Indonesia and the fascist governments of Philippines and Siam of persecuting overseas Chinese."

"The thirteen democratic personalities signing the declaration are: Li Chai-sum, Shen Chun-ja, Ma Hsu-lun, Kuo Mo-jo, Chung Po-chun, Tan Pin-shan, Peng Tze-nin, Tsai Ting-kai, Chang Nien-shih, Li Chang-in, Chen Chiu-yun, Hu Yu-chih."

A TRUTH SEEKER.

Facts About China

Sir—Following the lines of Rodne Gilbert, J. Q. P. Bland and other Old China Hands, Mr. H. C. W. Woodhead, O.B.E., said in the issue of March 27 of "Sunday Herald" that under European control the Chinese can be made a first class nation.

This is obviously a deviation from his last one when he insisted that "China cannot be helped."

If there is any consistency in Mr. Woodhead's point, it is that by inference, Mr. Woodhead means the Chinese can be made slaves exploited by the white men. Poor Chinese can never be leaders of their nation worth Anglo-American assistance, according to Mr. Woodhead's logic.

That kind of superiority complex has cost China these years plenty in China. It has not flamed the hatred of the Chinese so much that even the past few years need not be repeated. In this respect, Mr. H. C. W. Woodhead has proved himself like Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the best helper of the Kremlin and Bolsheviks.

Let me point out one salient fact about his assertion that German trained troops contribute much to the defence of China against the Japanese.

The German trained troops did not have any share in the victories of Tientsin, Changchun, and Taku-an. Reversely, China Weekly Review reported that German officers were actually rying for the Japanese. The German advisers' refusal to defend Kinshanwei was the immediate cause of the fall of Shanghai, Soochow and Nanking.

As a matter of fact, Chiang Kai-shek's alien trained divisions seldom if ever won a battle. Most if not all of them were fought and won by pro-Chinese forces armed with foreign weapons.

AUTHORITY ON MUTAO AND AH-MU-LING.

Simple Simon's Reply

Sir—Your correspondent "Crum Grane Sails" has apparently taken hold of the wrong end of the stick.

If "Crum Grane Sails" will take the trouble to read more carefully my letter which appeared in the "China Mail" on Tuesday last, he will find that I have not stated that "American must help otherwise China would fall into the hands of the Communists."

SIMPLE SIMON.

Post-War Rents

Sir—With the introduction into Parliament this week the Landlord's & Tenants Bill to serve as an inspiration and precedent, is too much to expect that our Government will at last arouse itself from its lethargy in matters affecting the general public sufficiently long to institute action to control the rentals of post-war premises.

For some time past the owners of pre-war houses have reiterated without effect their charge that they have been subjected to unfair discrimination in this matter and now, with the passage of the House of Commons, we find ourselves as long term investments controlled, whilst post-war residential properties, and many of the post-war hotels also, which were built or established as short term speculative ventures remain unaffected.

That this state of affairs is grossly unfair to those who have been subjected to control cannot be denied, and Government itself has subscribed to the post-war policy of speculative building and high rents by its purchase of "ghosts" in the form of Associated Properties Ltd., lack of Government Directorship which is, incidentally, still unexplained, in order to obtain dwellings for its employees.

It may be recalled that in 1948 the Salaries Commission Report was published and that under the terms of this Report, the proportion of an employee's salary payable as rent for Government owned, or Government rented, premises was fixed at one-seventh of the employee's salary, with an upper limit of \$300 per month, any sum in excess of this figure being met by Government from public funds.

Following the publication of this Report, all Government Quarters were re-assessed in the light thereof and all Quarters, including the Leighton Hill Quarters, and presumably others now, in the course of construction, were assessed within this figure.

Is it unreasonable for taxpayers who are paying the salaries of Government servants to demand that all residential premises within the Colony should be controlled and assessed on the same scale as those occupied by Government servants? Government can go a long way towards stilling criticism if it will only appreciate that the public has a right to the same equitable as those laid down for Government servants, and takes steps accordingly.

We have read recently of generous donations made by certain land-owning philanthropists to certain charities and we trust that we shall be forgiven if we ask, from whence do these donations ultimately come? Is it from the pockets of the occupants of the properties, many of whom are paying half their salaries in rent alone and who are, therefore, forced to endure a reduced standard of living which is in itself a breeding ground for the tuberculosis which the donors would fight.

We suggest to our philanthropists that, magnificent though their donations may be, they can make a more lasting contribution towards the well-being of the Colony and its inhabitants by voluntarily reducing the rents of their properties, allowing their tenants to enjoy a reasonable standard of living, and relieving the overburdening which is resultant upon the inability of many wage-earners to pay the rents asked for properties now vacant.

We have read also of the seizure of, to date, a total of 47 dwellings, four of which were returned upon appeal, and what of the numerous railway contractors and dwellings which should be the property of the Government? The Government has been asked to pay the cost of the new, inadequate ships not being eligible.

Sandakan Light & Power Co.'s General Meeting

There is only one electric power station in North Borneo supplying a 24-hour service. It is operated by the Sandakan Light and Power Company, (1922), Limited, which hold its annual general meeting of shareholders yesterday in Hong Kong.

The Chairman, Major S. M. Churn, said in his report that general development of Sandakan has been retarded by the difficulty industrial firms have experienced in securing plant.

He added: "The loss for the year was \$73,201.81, which reduces the credit at Profit and Loss Appropriation Account to \$48,573.04, which is carried forward to the current year."

Capital expenditure during the year under review is indicative of the progress made. Our mains have been extended and the plant will be complete when the installation of a 250 kilowatt alternator, which arrived in Sandakan recently, is completed. The third boiler is in the Power Station but has not yet been erected.

"Your power house, when the new Alternator is installed and the third boiler erected, will have a maximum capacity of 950 kilowatts, nearly double the pre-war figure. In accordance with ordinary practice, there must be allowance for overhauls and better cleaning, which reduces the working payload capacity to about 800 kilowatts.

"The load is gradually increasing, the lighting load being now 55 per cent of pre-war. The power load is still small, but from enquiries received and agreements recently concluded, it should show an increase of load in the near future.

"The rehabilitation of your undertaking has been a long job, but we believe the uphill work is now almost complete. Much credit is due to your Resident Engineer and Manager, Mr. A.E. Kerridge. He has now built up a power station, which is the only one in North Borneo giving a 24-hour service.

"General development of Sandakan has been retarded by the difficulty everyone, including the sawmills, our largest pre-war customers, have experienced in securing plant, and also the temporary nature of buildings due to the town planning scheme now under consideration.

The lease of the land occupied by the Company's plant has been renewed on pre-war terms, and an agreement to supply power to sawmills and for free fuel for our boilers has been concluded. The agreements, together with the new General Managers and local Agents appointment for the next two years from March 1, 1949, which they will be reviewed in the light of the prevailing conditions.

"In terminating our long association with Shawan Tomes and Company, Limited, we must record our appreciation of their services and their helpful attitude in this matter.

"Since our last meeting, Mr. Li Tee-fong resigned from the Board on going on leave, and Mr.

Are these places to be reckoned in the 'privileged' class, and, if so, can we anticipate Government action in this matter without pressure being brought to bear at home?"

Soccer Queries

Sir—I would be very much enlightened if you will inform me why:

1. The Football Association allowed so many postponements and very few are played off. Accumulations pile up more and more. Why is there no rule governing the permission to postpone and time to play off?

2. The Hong Kong Club and Police teams keep adding more postponements: can they play off, like pre-war times, a regular game the same team?

3. Is there no restriction to the Senior Shield admission, i.e. qualification to enter? If there is a limit to admit only eight teams, they will play the First Division game to be qualified; otherwise, a team may not be sportive and lazy in a First Division game.

4. On the 30th instant only eight teams play off their postponements. The team having the most postponements, Police, is not listed?

5. Cdg. the First Division be limited to less teams; so that there is allowance for inclement weather, interposers, cups, shields, as less teams making less fixtures (weeks) to complete.

GEORGE MARK MAN.
Editor's reply:—1. Postponements are allowed provided that a good reason is given and application made within the time prescribed in the Rules of the Association.
2. The decision as to whether one game should count as two rests with the teams concerned.
3. There is no restriction on the number of teams entering for the Senior Shield.
4. This is a matter for the Association; perhaps the Police have a good reason for not being able to play on 30th instant.
5. The number of teams in the First Division is limited. This accounts for the reason why Army play as a combined body against the Police, and the Police as a combined body against the Army. In the case of the Navy, individual ships are not eligible.

RESIDENTIAL LOTS SOLD

Four residential lots off Island Road, near Deep Water Bay, were sold at a P.W.D. public auction yesterday. Total sales amounted to HK\$253,515, three of the lots being disposed of at their upset prices and the fourth at HK\$100 more than the upset price.

Two lots—one about 30,000 square feet and the other about 10,880 square feet—were bought by Mr. Li Lan-sung, of No. 25 Seymour Road, for HK\$30,000 and HK\$76,725, respectively.

Mr. Li Chok-in, of No. 36, Republic Bay Road, obtained the third lot—about 10,130 square feet—for HK\$77,320. The fourth lot was purchased by Mr. Lee Him of No. 230, Prince Edward Road, for HK\$89,400—only HK\$100 more than the upset price.

The four purchasers will have to spend at least HK\$150,000 on reasonable improvements within 16 months.

Only a detached residential building with garage will be permitted to be erected on each lot. Each of the buyers will also have to contribute HK\$500 to the Government for septic tanks.

EXCHANGE BUILDING SOLD

A purchaser has at last been found for the seven-storey Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central.

The "China Mail" learned yesterday that the purchaser is the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited. The price is said to be HK\$300,000—the same as asked a year ago.

Whether a coincidence or not, a resolution will be presented to Legislative Council tomorrow to grant a loan for the Hong Kong Telephone Company to mortgage any of its land and buildings as security for a loan not exceeding HK\$500,000 from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

HK-TOKYO AIR SERVICE

Philippine Air Lines expect to inaugurate a new service from Hong Kong to Tokyo this week. The first plane from Hong Kong for Tokyo will leave on Wednesday. It will go by way of Okinawa and return the same way on Friday.

BAZAAR IN AID

A bazaar in aid of the Wah Yan Poor Boys' Club will be held on Sunday at the Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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Did He Kill His Employer And Elope With Concubine?

A sordid story about a man who is alleged to have killed his employer and friend while eloping with the latter's concubine was related before Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. The mutilated and decomposed body of Wong Yau was found by a grass-cutter at Lantau Island, where the persons involved in the case lived most of the time.

The discovery was reported to the police, and subsequent investigations led to the arrest and indictment of Wong Fuk-lam. Wong is being charged before a jury of six men and one woman with the alleged murder of Wong Yau.

Accused is being represented by Mr. Poon instructed by Mr. F. D. Hammond.

Conducting the case for the prosecution is Crown Counsel Mr. M. Heenan assisted by Mr. C. Molloy, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation.

According to the prosecution, Wong Fuk-lam is alleged to have murdered Wong Yau on or about August 24, 1938.

Proceeding, Crown Counsel stated that practically all the events occurred on Lantau Island.

At the time of the alleged crime he continued, Wong Yau was a farmer living at a certain village, where he owned two small Chinese-style houses, and made his living by selling fish.

Wong Yau had a concubine, after his first wife had died some time ago. After his marriage to Chan Wong Yau went over to Li Kai-mui for a few months to obtain some money, and returned to the village.

Shortly after his return to the village, Mr. Heenan continued, which was in April 1939, Wong Yau went to Hong Kong and there took Li as his concubine. There was a short economy by which Wong took Li as his lawful concubine in the presence of his first wife, Chan Fong. The arrangement was made by the accused Wong Fuk-lam.

Wong Yau and his concubine then lived together in one of his two houses in the village, and the first wife lived in the other one.

Three Lived Together

It would seem, Counsel said, that all three lived quite harmoniously at first and shared the farming duties and chores.

Some two or three months later, Mr. Heenan stated, Wong Yau adopted the accused, Wong, as he required more assistance in running his farm. Thereupon, the accused went to live with Wong Yau and his wife and his concubine, after which time Wong Yau took the accused to Hong Kong, where he found a job for him on a ship. There was some suggestion, Counsel said, that Wong Yau was a little unhappy about the friendly way his concubine and the accused were getting along. On three occasions during the year, the ship on which the accused worked, visited Hong Kong. On each occasion, the accused was visited by the concubine, who received some money from him.

Wong Fuk-lam eventually lost his job about the ship, Counsel stated. On his return to the village in company with the deceased's concubine, he was laughing and joking, which came to the notice of Wong Yau, the deceased, and which seemed make him angry.

However the four of them went on living in the same way as they had done before, Mr. Heenan told the court.

Crown Counsel went on to say that things went on smoothly until about June, when it became clear that the deceased was finding more fault with his concubine and reached the stage where he occasionally assaulted her.

He Beat His Concubine

One night in June, Wong Yau, struck his concubine on the side with a piece of wood. Following this, she went outside the house,

and met the deceased's wife, to whom she said she could not bear these assaults much longer and that she was contemplating suicide. Chan however succeeded in talking the concubine out of her way of thinking.

Early the next morning, the deceased told Li his concubine in the usual way to prepare the morning meal. Li then decided to end her even life by hanging herself on a tree nearby. But before putting her intention into effect, she decided first to burn some joss sticks, a cow shed.

The accused who habitually kept in the cowshed, awoke, when Li entered the shed carrying the joss-sticks, and a piece of rope. He then learned her intentions, and talked her out of it.

On this occasion, Counsel said there was intercourse between Wong Fuk-lam and Li.

Afterwards, Counsel went on to say, Li abandoned her intention to end her life, and went back to her normal way of living.

The second occasion, Mr. Heenan continued, was on August 23, when Li had reason to call the accused for work in the early hours of that morning. Another intercourse took place then.

Li Contemplates Suicide

On the evening of August 24, according to the prosecution, the deceased was alleged to have found fault again with his concubine's housework and struck her on the head with a chopper.

At this, Li again decided that life was not worth living and contemplated suicide. However, she changed her mind again. As a result of a conversation which she had with the accused, it was decided that she would run away and go to Hong Kong, and find work there.

The accused, it is alleged, recommended Li to stay with his relatives at Yau-mui, and that he would call on her occasionally.

Early the next morning, Li packed her suitcase and left the house. She went to a nearby village and stayed with a friend. Within an hour of her departure, the deceased discovered her absence. He then consulted with the accused about the matter, as a result of which it was decided to make a wide search for Li.

Mr. Heenan at this point stated that it was the Crown's case that although the accused knew that Li had gone to another village and from thence would go to Hong Kong, he gave no indication of this knowledge whatsoever to Wong Yau.

Search For Concubine

Both the accused and the deceased then went over to Tai O to search for Li. Going over to another village, the two met Li Shun-hei, a brother of the missing Li. The matter was then discussed in the course of which it was suggested that the disappearance be reported to the police.

The accused, Counsel said, actually advised against such a step. The accused, it is alleged, later complained about a sore foot and decided to rest at a relative's place nearby.

Continuing, Crown Counsel stated that meanwhile the deceased arrived home in the evening of August 27. He then happened to go to the cowshed and there found a rattan basket which contained a garment belonging to his concubine. It appeared to make him very angry. Then he put on a bamboo hat and left the house.

That was the last time his wife saw him alive, Mr. Heenan said.

He was seen walking by one of the villagers. Two brothers of his concubine alleged that they saw him in an angry mood, Counsel stated. He was walking in the direction of Tai O.

Accused's Sore Foot

Turning to the subject of the accused, Mr. Heenan stated that when he left the search party on account of his sore foot, he arrived at the village where Li was in hiding, and informed her that her husband was angry about her disappearance, and that a search was being made.

On August 29, Li in agreement with the accused, left Hong Kong from Tai O.

The accused then went over to the brothers of the concubine and told them that she had gone into hiding in Hong Kong.

One of the brothers then gave the accused a letter to deliver to the deceased from the concubine's uncle.

The accused duly arrived at the village of the deceased on August 29, and there told the deceased's wife that he had come to get a pig to sell on the instructions of her husband.

Chan Lan, however, noticed that the accused seemed to be restless which aroused her suspicion. She began to question the accused. Replying to her questions, the accused told her that the deceased was still at Tai O looking for his concubine.

After further being pressed by Chan, the accused however admitted to her that he had killed the deceased in the course of an argument.

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Charged With Extortion

Committal proceedings were started yesterday against Sui Cheuk-yin, aged 29, on three counts of demanding money with menaces before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon.

Defendant was charged with demanding \$300 from the occupants of No. 36 Granville Road first and second floors.

Inspector A. Nichol said that on March 2, the occupant of the flat received a threatening letter demanding \$300 with menaces. The occupant of the floor was too afraid to report the matter to the police.

Mr. D. V. Luke, who was a friend of a person of the floor went to the station and made a report. Enquiries were made and two detectives were sent to the house to wait for the defendant.

Defendant went to the address, and from underneath the mat outside the door took an envelope which had been planted there by the police and went away.

While descending the stairs, defendant called on her to stop. Defendant did not do so and threw away the letter. He was chased by the detectives and was arrested.

The case was adjourned.

BROTHEL KEEPER SENTENCED

Charged with keeping a brothel at 188 Temple Street, second floor, Tam So, alias Tam Su-nor, Tai Kai, a widow aged 60, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The prosecution's case was that between January 12 and February 13, defendant had housed two girls, Tam Yuet-ling, aged 17, and Tam Yip-ping, aged 17, at her house where the girls received customers.

The girls told the court that they were brought to the Colony by one Chow Mei from Hui-ching. These added that Chow Mei then told them that jobs were easier to find in the Colony.

Chow Mei, aged 50, was charged with procuring girls under 21 years of age to become prostitutes.

Detective Sub-Inspector Kavanagh was unable to produce evidence against Chow, she was discharged by the court.

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING

Tsang Chung, shop keeper, aged 49, and Chuen Sing, unemployed, aged 27, were charged at Central yesterday with unlawfully pari-mutuel betting inside the Hong Kong Jockey Club public enclosure at Happy Valley on March 28.

Another man, Cheng Fat, mercantile, aged 58, was charged with aiding and abetting first and second defendants in the race bets.

The court adjourned the hearing of the case to May 2 and defendants were giving \$1,000 bail each.

Defendants were represented by Mr. S. Ng Quinn.

Her alleged, gave further details of the killing to Chan, stating that he attacked him with a chopper with the assistance of Li's brothers.

Witnesses Of The Crown

At this point, Mr. Heenan told the court that in this case, he would call the two brothers of Li as witnesses of the Crown, and that there was no evidence that both of them assisted in the attack on the deceased.

Continuing, Crown Counsel stated that the deceased's body was eventually found near the village by the side of a ravine by a grasscutter, who reported the matter to the police.

The accused also gave the deceased's wife \$20, a gold ring, and a bracelet, threatening her with death, she told anybody what he and the following day, the accused took a pig from the farm and went away in a sampans, after which he sold the pig for \$50.

On August 31, according to the prosecution, the accused arrived at Yau-mui, Hong Kong, where Li was staying. He told Li that her husband was dead, and gave her \$50 from the price he had realized from the pig.

It was on September 2, Counsel continued, that the mutilated and decomposed body of the deceased was found. The clothing and certain articles found on the body tended to identify it as the corpse of Wong Yau.

After further investigations were made, the police found that the accused and Li were missing from the village. When the accused eventually arrived at the island one day, he was taken to the police.

Six Wounds

As regards the post-mortem of the body, Counsel stated, it had been exposed for about six days at Yau-mui, and in an advanced stage of decomposition. There were six wounds on the body, and death was caused by the chopper, which was found lying near the body.

Mr. Heenan went on to give a full description of the six wounds. The trial will continue at 10 p.m. this morning, when corroborative evidence will be given by Wong Kam, the employee of the village firm, and by other witnesses.

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TO CHANGE TITLES

The titles of the principals of Queen's College, King's College, New College, Training College, and King George V School are to be changed, according to a resolution to be introduced in Legislative Council tomorrow.

It is proposed to change the titles to: Principals, Education Department, will submit a bill to the Council.

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Reminders

Today

HK Council of Women, general meeting, talk by Commissioner of Police PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Opening of Roxy Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Budget Debate, Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

Talk on "The application of Military principles to civilian life" by Maj. Gen. F. R. G. Matthews, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

HK Lawn Bowls Association, annual general meeting, SCM Post room, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Ladies Night, Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

KAP Association luncheon, Jockey Club Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Music Group of Sino-British Club, concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.

Four Robbery Suspects Stand Trial In Court

Committal proceedings against Lai Keung, alias Leung Yan, Lam Wai, Wong Kau and Leung Kau-chiu, charged with robbing Kok Wang Firm of property and monies valued at HK\$11,760.84 with arms, and Wong Yun-fai, alias Wong Chi, charged with receiving stolen property, were started before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The prosecution, conducted by Inspector T. Goshman, alleged that on January 15, at about 5 p.m., a knock at the front door of the Kok Wang Firm's premises, third floor of 15 Connaught Road, Central, was heard and the door was opened by Lau Kee-wang, the firm's proprietor.

About six Chinese rushed into the premises. Two of the gang went into the sitting room, and two went to the rear of the premises while the rest stood around the entrance watching.

The two men in the sitting room produced two revolvers. At that time, there were 14 people in the sitting room. All were ordered to go to the rear cubicle.

When the Police arrived they found the premises in disorder, and finger-prints were photographed by the Finger-print Bureau.

Hands Tied With Wires

Lau, whose hands were tied with wires was taken to the sitting room where he was threatened with violence if he should refuse to produce a key to open the firm's safe. Some of the contents of the safe were robbed after the safe was opened.

Choi Mei-tak, the firm's accountant, was forced to produce the keys of his drawers. Eventually, cash kept in the drawers was robbed.

Both Lau and Choi were later sent back to the rear cubicle. The door of the cubicle was closed and secured with wire.

The bandits were said to have remained on the premises for 15 minutes before they went away. It was said that one gold watch, one gold watch-chain, five gold rings, one teal of gold, three gold sovereigns, \$550 in US currency and HK\$9,454.84 were robbed during the robbery.

When the Police arrived they found the premises in disorder, and finger-prints were photographed by the Finger-print Bureau.

A Concealed Revolver

On the night of January 15, the Police received information that a revolver was concealed under the mattress in room 419 of the Tai Koon Boarding House, Des Voeux Road, Central. The revolver was later brought back to Central Station by the Police.

Inspector Goshman continued to state that on January 17, a party of police accompanied by two witnesses, Lai Koon Koi and Chan Cheung-yu boarded a bus at the corner of Castle Peak Road, Lai and Chan pointed at Lai Keung saying that he was one of the robbers. Lau was immediately arrested.

Wong Yun-fai, then among the passengers, was found throwing away a gold watch. He was also arrested. The watch was later identified as the one stolen during the robbery.

Further search revealed that Lau was also in possession of a large amount of money in US and Hong Kong currencies.

On information, Lam Wai was arrested on January 18, at 18, Shanghai Street, and Wong Kau and Leung Kau-chiu were arrested at a village in Tai Po.

Stolen Property

Leung Kau-chiu was also found in possession of a fountain pen which he later admitted to be stolen property.

All defendants except Wong Yun-fai were identified by eight of the witnesses during an identification parade.

Lam Wai was in addition identified by a room boy of the Tai Koon Boarding House as the man who had stayed in room 419, Inspector Goshman added.

Evidence was given by Lau Kee-wang, the firm's proprietor. The case is adjourned to March 31.

DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE

For driving without a valid licence a learner was fined \$100 by Mr. Hin-shing, Lo, at Central yesterday.

George T. C. Yang, aged 27, of 122 Kennedy Road, was arrested while driving a vehicle along King's Road on March 20.

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Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

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AGENDA

- Appointment of a Chair-
man and Committee of
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- Appointment of a Con-
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US dollars opened at HK\$5.23%
and closed at \$5.24.
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Gold Yuan for Hong Kong deliv-
ery, but sales were made for
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and \$2.95 for 10,000, and for
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and lowest rates were \$10.05 and
\$9.91%.

Ticals were unchanged at
HK\$24.20 a 100.
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at HK\$32.70 a 100.
Sterling was higher at
HK\$15.35, and was Australian
pounds at HK\$12.80.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 23
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon QFO) 7.30
a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.,
(QFO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.,
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.)
8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m., (QFO) 9 a.m.,
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.,
(Ord.) 9.30 p.m.
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Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30
p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.,
(Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and
Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5
p.m.
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USA, (Kowloon QFO) 4.30 p.m.,
(QFO) 5 p.m.
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ples and small packet posts) for
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(Kowloon QFO) 4.30 p.m., (QFO)
5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.,
(Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Saratoga, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan, Noon.
Swatow, 1 p.m.
Bangkok, 1 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.)
8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.,
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.,
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m., (QFO) 9 a.m.,
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.)
12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and
Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.,
Airmail for Amoy, Swatow, Amoy, Nanking
and Tientsin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Swatow and Amoy, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy, Noon.
Manila, Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar,
2 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta,
Rangoon, Alexandria, (Hankow),
Bombay, Madras, Suez, Port Said,
Marseilles, Genoa, Naples, Rome, London,
Hankow, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30
p.m., (QFO) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.,
Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo,
Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30
p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai and Japan, (Reg.)
4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.,
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Closing Times by Sea
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Financial
Reforms
In China?

Shanghai, March 28.
An exchange of views on
China's chaotic economic and
financial situation was re-
ported to have taken place
yesterday when the new Fi-
nance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu,
entertained foreign and Chi-
nese bankers at a tea recep-
tion.

Among those present were
said to be the United States
Ambassador, Dr. J. Leighton
Stewart, and the Deputy Di-
rector of the ECA China Mis-
sion, Mr. R. A. Griffin.
Dr. Liu is reported to be
planning a partial revision of
the recently promulgated fi-
nancial and economic reform
measures.—Reuter.

Moscow Attack
On Catholics

Moscow, March 27.
The official Soviet trade
union newspaper "Trud" to-
day denounced the United
States Catholic Church as one
of the most active instruments
of Americans seeking world
domination.

"Trud" alleged that Catholic
emissaries in some parts of the
world are helping the United
States to unite local "forces" and
accused the Vatican of co-
operating with the United States
in intelligence work.
It said the Catholic Church in
America had tied in with Wall
Street financiers and co-ordinated
its activities with American for-
eign policy.

The paper also accused Ameri-
can Catholics of spending millions
of dollars in Germany to spread
anti-Communist propaganda.—
United Press.

For the possession of 19 tael
of raw opium, Cheuk Lin-wah
was sentenced to six months and
ordered to be deported from the
Colony for 10 years. Defendant
was arrested on Saturday with
the opium in his possession.

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Court Breveties

For stealing a ladies coat on
Sunday, Mak Chu-sang, aged 24,
was sentenced to three months
by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon
yesterday.

Defendant stole the coat from
car No. 1732 parked outside the
Peninsula Hotel on Sunday and
was arrested by two detectives
after a long chase. The coat,
valued at \$100, was recovered.

A woman, Fo Yee was fined
\$5,000 or six months for export-
ing gold without a permit.
Defendant was searched at the
Kowloon Railway on Sunday and
the gold was found hidden in her
person. R. O. Knox said the
gold bars were worth \$9,000. The
magistrate ordered the confisca-
tion of the gold bars.

For exporting two tael of gold
without a permit, Lai Wing-sang
was cautioned. The gold valued
at \$600 was ordered to be con-
fiscated.

Another woman, Wong Kwai-
ying was fined \$250 or two
months for exporting gold with-
out a permit. The gold valued
at \$600 was ordered to be con-
fiscated.

A 17-year-old youth, Tam Kan
was sentenced to nine months
and six strokes of the cane for
snatching a gold chain from a
woman on Saturday.

Defendant snatched the gold
chain from the woman's wrist
and ran away. Detectives on
duty gave chase and arrested
defendant. The gold chain valued
at \$50, was recovered.

Another youth, Li Han-ping,
aged 20 was sentenced to one
year for snatching a fountain pen
from another person. Defendant
snatched the pen and ran away
but was caught after a chase.
Defendant had also a previous
conviction.

For stealing a motor jack the
property of the Military
Authorities on Saturday, Lau
Man, a private of the RASC was
fined \$30. The motor jack was
valued at \$30.

Mrs. J. Ogden, aged 32, and
Lena Lee, aged 24, were fined
\$50 each for trespassing at Kai
Tak on Saturday. They were
arrested by a guard on duty
while leaving the airfield.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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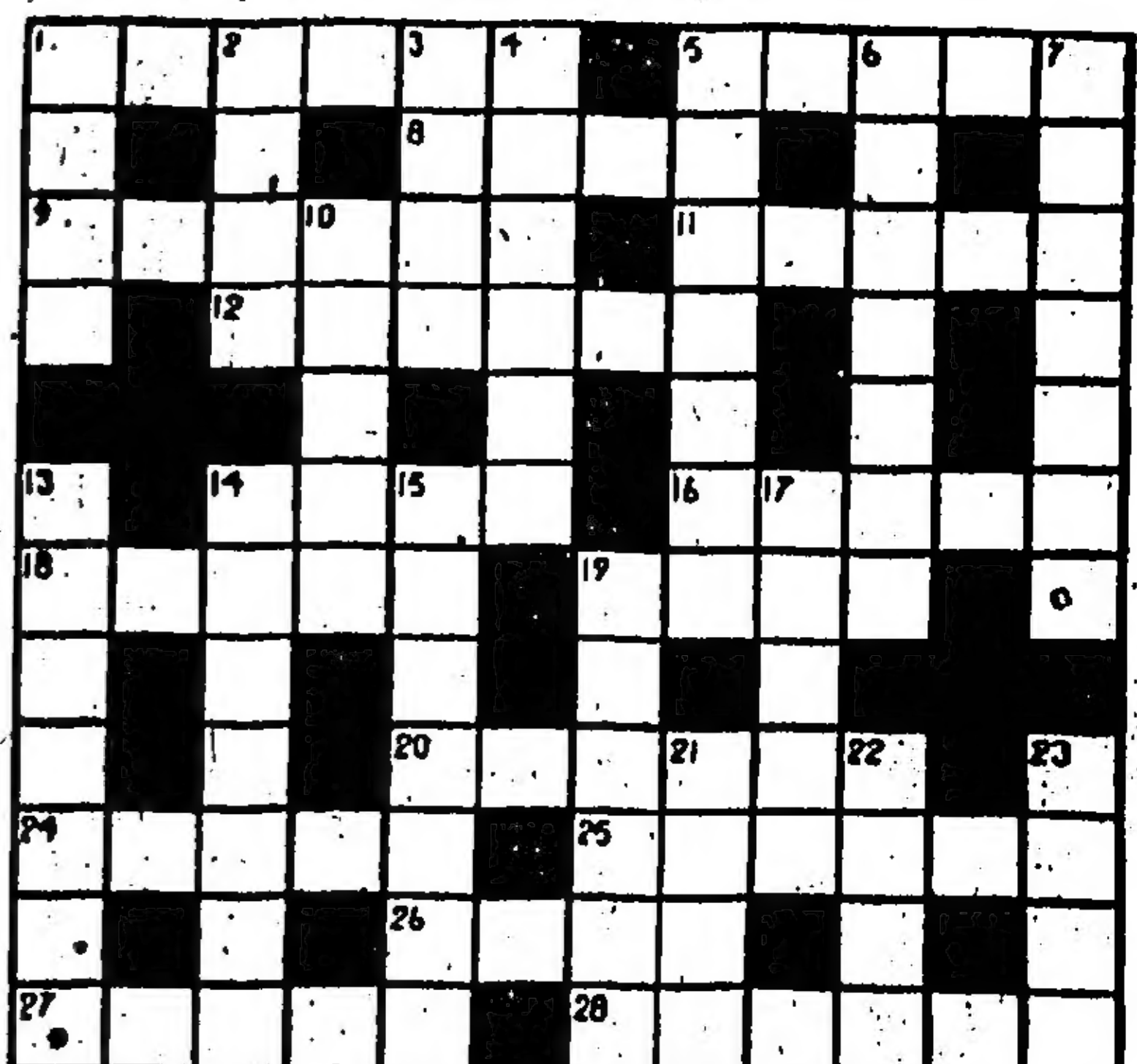
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IN A RAPIDAZARD session of
rubber bridge, among players
who do not know each others
games too well, or in an individ-
ual tournament, in which you
get a series of new partners,
you have a lot of guessing to do.
There are many situations in
which one player will em-
ploy a specific bid in a certain
way and another will use it quite
differently. If you don't know
how the man across from you is
going to interpret your own ac-
tion, you have to make the best
guess you can.

Charles E. Coleman, son
of the late Edwin H. Coleman
second individual champion of
New York's Inter-Club League,
in whose name the Coleman
Memorial Trophy is presented
each year by his old clubmates,
sized up the dilemma clearly.
"I didn't know the bidding of
my partner of the moment," he
explained. "If he had bid as my
father did, I would have called
3-No Trumps on those strong
West cards, since a 2-No Trump
response by that method was
non-forcing, but limited in
strength. If I knew my partner
as one who treated a 2-No
Trump as a force to one level
higher, I would have made that
bid. In either event I would
have given a clear picture of my
hand and, following a 2-No
Trump force and a 3-Hearts
response I could have called
either 3-Spades or 3-No Trumps
in just a game. Guessing, though,
I guessed wrong with my dia-
mond jump and other bids, and
would end up in trouble."

That contract is impossible to
make, since tricks must be lost
to the diamond A and spade J
before twelve can be brought in.
The West players at several ta-
bles reached it, however, in the
individual duplicate of the Union
League Club in New York, where
the hand was dealt. Several
players got into 6-Spades by
slightly different callings.
The one real point of the hand
bears on the first call by West
after East's 1-Spade comes to
vulnerable).

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Not often. 19 Exploit.
5 Unreasoning. 20 Bring to
8 Hiss. 21 Light.
9 Vehicle driver. 22 Scent.
11 Margin. 23 Specially.
12 Deceive. 24 talented person.
14 Sage. 25 Greedy.
16 View. 26 Dilate.
18 Angry. 28 Protect.

Down
1 Pillage. 13 Controls.
2 Nobleman. 14 Loss of use.
3 Gem. 15 More than.
4 Very small. 16 Hut.
6 Opposite. 17 Hut.
8 Titled man. 19 Very cold.
7 Piece of. 21 Give up.
9 furniture. 22 Weary.
10 Deserve. 23 Employed.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—1 Desk, 4 Adapts,
8 Marry, 10 Usual, 12 Ledger,
14 Replete, 17 Code, 18 Illuder,
20 Admire, 22 Lend, 23 Uttered,
27 View, 28 Abide, 30 Dapper,
31 Sherry, 32 Tally.

Down—1 Demure, 2 Scrap, 3
Sole, 5 Drug, 6 Poured, 7 Solves,
9 Refuse, 11 Secure, 18 Deleted,
15 Kane, 16 Landed, 18 Deter, 20
Allays, 21 Invita, 24 Trait, 25 Re-
pel, 26 Dirty, 28 Near.

Germans At Loggerheads Over "Foreign Policy"

BRITONS GAMBLE LESS

London, March 27. — Britons gambled £141,000,000 less last year than in 1947, according to the Church Committee Review on Gambling.

But just under 10,000,000—about 20 per cent of the total adult population—staked money on football pools. Twice as many men as women stake money in the pools.

Horse racing, according to the Review, was a possible exception. More money was staked on totalisators, but these only represent a small percentage of the money gambled on horses and do not give an accurate picture.

The Review stated that the decline in overall gambling totals—£250,000,000 in 1946 as compared with £391,000,000 in 1947—does not necessarily mean a decrease of interest among punters, nor does it indicate that fewer people went to the races.

The total number of people attending races, including dog races, according to some statistics, was slightly increased but new taxes and severe weather cut down spending.

Increased police vigilance and currency restrictions cut down Irish sweepstake totals. Reuter.

MP DROWNED

Cape Town, March 27. — Mr. J. J. Brill, Nationalist Member of Parliament for Maybom, Johannesburg, was drowned at Kleinmond, Cape Province, while fishing today. Reuter.

Trouble Expected In Australia

Sydney, March 27. — Australian key industries tonight faced a possible heavy loss of production tomorrow.

Labour stoppages are threatened in protest against the

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American Aid To Britain

Birmingham, March 27. — The Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, declared here tonight that a lot of nonsense is being talked about American aid.

He said: "Mr. George Marshall, former Secretary of State, is no wolf of Wall Street but a great idealist who knew that democracy in Europe was in peril. I often think that our American friends have a more active and conscious sense of democracy than we which," Sir Hartley continued, "We take it all rather for granted, in that young and virile country they are not content with that. They actively and passionately believe in it. We need more of that spirit. There is no mistake about that. Nor are we ashamed of accepting it," he added.

The United States is advancing to Britain this year almost exactly the same amount as last year, and there is no mistake about that. Nor are we ashamed of accepting it," he added.

Reuter.

Radio

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children.
(Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Light Variety with "Fats" Waller (Piano) and His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Review of News.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interview.
1.30 p.m.—London Studio Concert.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Toby" by S. G. Hulse-Boaman. (HICTS)
6.31 p.m.—Continued by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)
8.50 p.m.—Ray Ellington Quartet.
9.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
9.15 p.m.—"See You" Talks on Sport. (Studio)
9.25 p.m.—Introduction.
9.30 p.m.—"Down Memory Lane" presented by Allen Woods. (Studio)
9.40 p.m.—"From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay)
9.45 p.m.—Introduction.
9.46 p.m.—Berlin Airlift: A Documentary Feature Programme by T. J. Waldron. (HICTS)
9.50 p.m.—"20 Questions" Residents: Alfred Dekker; John Gally; and Douglas Gail. Guest: Donald Gillan. Question Master: Peter Gregory.
9.50 p.m.—The New Concert Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Hour. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Chamber Music Recital: Sonata for Violin and Piano, "Dante's Trill" (Tartini)... Yehudi Menuhin with Arthur Halam.
10.45 p.m.—New Mayday Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

New Delhi, March 27. — The Reuter delegation to India, led by Lord Layton, left here for Karachi today. The mission, which arrived in India on March 21 for the inauguration of the Press Trust of India, Limited, will return to Britain after a three-day stay in the Pakistani capital. Reuter.

Berliners Against West-Mark

Berlin, March 28. — About 65,000 people marched into sun-drenched Unter Den Linden in the Soviet sector this afternoon for what they called a protest demonstration against last Sunday's Western Allied action which made the West-mark the sole legal tender for Western Berlin.

The demonstration, however, was one of the most apathetic ever staged by Berlin's Communists. The marchers shuffled in slowly and thousands left before the one hour of speech-making ended.

The chief speaker was Hans Jendretzky, chairman of the Berlin Socialist Unity (Communist) Party, who reiterated the stock Communist charges that the Western powers were splitting Berlin and demanded that the entire city be put on the Soviet-sponsored economic mark and be incorporated economically in the Russian zone.

Jendretzky and the marchers hailed the current "world peace conference" in New York. The demonstrators carried Red banners and many placards denouncing "war mongers." Associated Press.

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FRENCH DENIAL OF VIETMINH VICTORY CLAIMS

Saigon, March 27. — A French military spokesman here today denied claims to numerous and striking victories by the Vietminh (Indochinese autonomy movement, in renewed warfare against the French in Tonkin, Northern Indochina. "We have the situation under control," the spokesman said.

Earlier, Radio Vietnam, the mouthpiece of Moscow-trained Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Vietminh leader, broadcast that Vietminh guerrillas are succeeding in the

North, East and North West sectors near the Chinese border.

Radio Vietnam listed what it claimed are successes in Laos, 180 kilometres North West of Hanoi, and Langson, 130 kilometres North East of Hanoi. The French spokesman said he knew of no small French outposts which Radio Vietnam had been destroyed 60 kilometres East of Laos.

When Huangshui was attacked, we sent parachute troops as reinforcements. We hold all the important positions," the spokesman said.

Chinese Reds

He said he is unaware of the encirclement and surrender of French troops near Langson as claimed by Radio Vietnam.

According to French sources today, the Vietminh guerrillas aim at controlling the key posts near the Chinese border, with the apparent objective of securing passage for contraband arms and eventual support from the Chinese Communists.

The Red River and the Black River could be used as routes for penetrating the mountainous frontier district.

Another Vietminh objective, these sources said, is to neutralise the Thai area, where live a pro-French ethnic minority of 500,000. Laos would thus be a necessary objective if Vietminh plans to dislodge the French forces in Thailand and cover its Western flank. Reuter.

Irene Dunne Exemplary Mother

South Bend, Indiana, March 27.

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The Question Of Ireland

By Winston Churchill

Surely we ought to use this money to build more ships or buy more from the United States in view of the heavy sinkings off the Bloody Foreland.

Our Food

Pray let me know how these subsidies could be terminated, and what retaliatory measures could be taken in the financial sphere by the Irish, observing that we are not afraid of their cutting off our food as it would save us the enormous mass of fertilisers and feeding-stuffs we have to carry into Ireland through the De Valera aided German blockade.

One evening in December I held a meeting in the downstairs War Room with only the Admiralty and the staff present. All the ports and difficulties, about which the company was well informed, had taken a sharper turn. My mind reverted to February and March, 1917, when the curve of U-boat sinkings had mounted so steadily against us that one wondered how many months more fighting the

as Yorkshire. Everything went smoothly. Nibelwa was attacked by one brigade at 7 a.m. and in little more than an hour was completely in our hands. At 1.30 p.m. the attack on the Tummur camp opened, and by nightfall practically the whole area and most of its defenders were captured. Meanwhile the 7th Armoured Division had isolated Sidi Barrani by cutting the coast road to the West.

Five Acres

Simultaneously the garrison of Mersa Matruh, which included the Coldstream Guards, had also prepared their blow. At first light on the 10th they assaulted the Italian positions on their front, supported by heavy fire from the sea. Fighting continued all day, and by 10 o'clock the Coldstream Battalion headquarters signalled that it was impossible to count the prisoners on account of their numbers, but that "there about five acres of officers and 200 acres of other ranks."

At home in Downing Street they brought me hour-to-hour signals from the battlefield. It was difficult to understand exactly what was happening, but the general impression was favourable, and I remember being struck by a message from a young officer in a tank of the 7th Armoured Division. "Have arrived at the second B in Buq-Buq." I was able to inform the House of Commons on the 10th that active fighting was in progress in the desert; that 500 prisoners had been taken and an Italian general killed; and also that our troops had reached the coast. That afternoon, Sidi Barrani was captured.

From December 11 onwards the action consisted of a pursuit of the Italian fugitives by the 7th Armoured Division followed by the 16th British Infantry Brigade (motorised), and the 6th Australian Division, which had relieved the 4th Indian Division. On December 12 I could tell the House of Commons that the whole coastal region around Buq-Buq and Sidi Barrani was in the hands of British and Imperial troops and that 7,000 prisoners had already reached Mersa Matruh.

By Sea

The moment the victory of Sidi Barrani was assured—indeed, on December 12—General Wavell took on his own direct initiative a wise and daring decision. Instead of holding back in general reserve on the battlefield, the 4th British Indian Division, which had just been relieved, he moved it at once to Britia to join the 5th British Indian Division for the Abyssinian campaign under General Platt.

The division went partly by sea to Port Sudan, and partly by rail and boat up the Nile. Some of them moved practically straight from the front at Sidi Barrani to their ships, and were in action in a theatre 700 miles away very soon after their arrival. Without this far-seeing decision of General Wavell's the victory at Keren and the liberation of Abyssinia would have been subject to indefinite delays.

I hastened to offer my congratulations to all concerned, and to urge pursuit to the utmost limit of strength. Mr. Churchill to Mr. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, 13.11.40

I am sure you will be heartened by the fine victory the Imperial Armies have gained in Libya.



Some people are worried about the state of the Colony's defences. There is really little to worry about.

These Greeks keep potting away at each other. Looks as if few'd be happier than to fall in a feud.

Borrowing money, says a magistrate, is the same as borrowing trouble. Don't know that I agree. It's easy to borrow trouble.

An advertisement points out that the average motor car costs only HK\$2 a pound—which is less than the price of butter per pound. Interesting, but who buys butter in ton lots?

After an address the minister asked the Sunday school class if anyone would like to ask a question.

A shrill voice piped up, "Please sir, why did the angels walk up and down Jacob's ladder when they had wings?"

"Ah, yes," said the parson. "Now would anyone like to answer that question?"

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Tomlinson of Sydney are spending some time in Sydney." Catching up on these ends, probably.

The author of a famous book on economics had a phone call recently. "I question your statistics on the high cost of living," said a strange voice. "My wife and I eat well on exactly \$2 a week."

"I can't believe it," exclaimed the economist. "Won't you tell me how? And please speak a little louder."

"The fruits of White House zig-zags of policy now reach a pinnacle."—Time they rested on their oars.

A report from England says that signs of fatigue can be seen among members of the Coal Board. They can't be getting slack, surely?

Any day now Moscow may release the statement that it wasn't George Washington who originated the cherry tree episode. No, comrades, it was little George Vladimirov who whittled it down with his little sickle.

Myrtle's grandfather says some people don't know enough about a subject to stop talking about it.

This, coupled with his Albanian disasters, may go hard with Mussolini. Remember that I could not guarantee a few months ago even a successful defence of the Delta and Canal. We ran sharp risks here at home in sending troops, tanks and cannon all round the Cape while under the threat of imminent invasion, and now there is a reward. We are planning to gather a very large army representing the whole Empire and ample sea-power in the Middle East, which will face a German lurch that way, and at the same time give us a move Eastward in your direction, if need be. Success always demands a greater effort. All good wishes.

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BIRTH

On March 20th at the Middlesex Hospital, London, to Alan and Carol Burn (nee Robinson), a son.

LABOUR PARTY'S PROGRAMME

The British Labour Government have decided not to ask for the country's votes before the normal expiration of their mandate in 1950. The programme on which they will go to the polls will, this time, be a consolidation of results already achieved rather than one of battle.

These are the two main decisions which have resulted from the recent deliberations held by the principal members of the Government and the Executive Committee of the Labour Party, who are directly responsible for the formulation of the Labour Party programme.

The Socialist decision not to hold a General Election before 1950 interprets the renewed confidence inspired at Transport House by the recent by-elections. With the progressive removal of controls on food and clothing, the Labour Party believe that time is on their side. The Attlee Government would also be reluctant to put a premature end to the present session by hurried elections without having accomplished their ambitious programme for the nationalisation of the steel industry.

Strategy ordains that the present Parliament shall be allowed to complete its full term. Equally strongly, strategy requires that the demands of the extremists shall occupy but a small place in the next programme. No one is more conscious than Sir Stafford Cripps of the number of problems which have still to be solved, despite the impressive recovery of British finance and economy. And no one has a greater realisation of the part played by American "capitalist" aid in enabling Britain to create the costly new Social Services of which she is so proud. The problem for Britain today is that by her own efforts, after 1952, the edifice she has built up shall continue to stand—whence the economic necessity, in the interests of Labour as well as of the nation, not to endanger its stability by overloading it too soon with too hasty building.

Both the Labour and Conservative parties agree in recognising that the "floating vote" will decide the next elections as it did those of 1945. Hence the psychological need not to alienate from Labour the middle class vote by an excess of zeal.

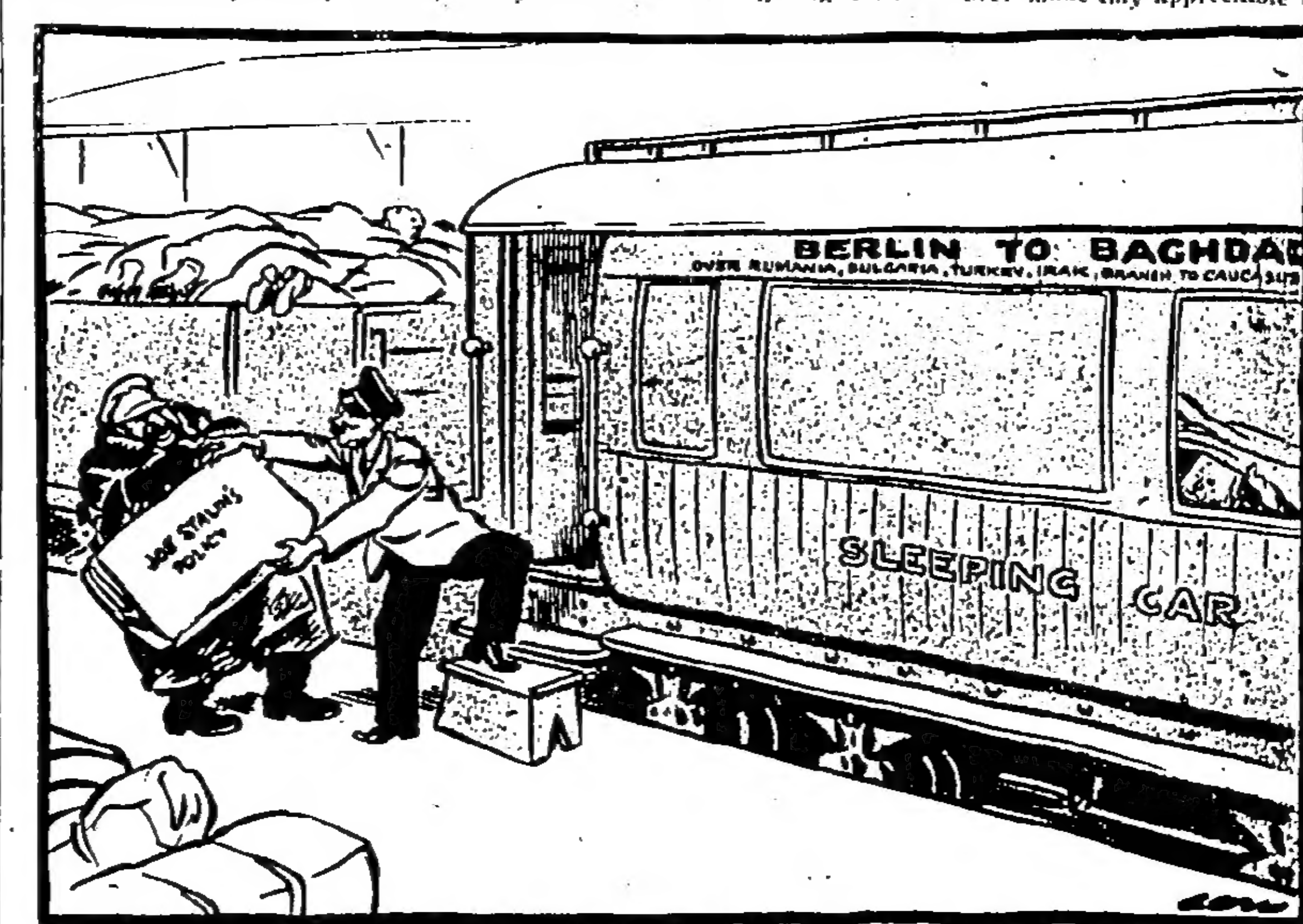
BURMA CRISIS

The situation in Burma has reached the crisis stage, and the next few weeks may well decide the fate of the Republic. A tragedy of the civil war there is that the Karens, with their long record of loyalty and steadfastness, should have become the chief opponents of the Government. If the gulf between the Burmese and the Karens, the two most advanced races in Burma, cannot be bridged, their quarrel may make orderly rule impossible, no matter which side emerges victorious. The need in Burma today is for the peoples of that country to come together to make the federal constitution a solid barrier against Communist efforts to divide them.

With the whole French seaboard from Dunkirk to Bordeaux in their hands, the Germans lost no time in making bases for their U-boat and co-operating aircraft in the captured territory. From July onwards we were compelled to divert our shipping from the approaches, South of Ireland, where of course we were not allowed to station fighter-aircraft. All had to come in around Northern Island. Here, by the grace of God, Ulster stood a faithful sentinel.

The Mersey, the Clyde were the lungs through which we breathed. On the East coast and in the English Channel small vessels continued to ply under an ever-increasing attack by air, by E-boat and by mines. As it was impossible to vary the East coast route, the passage of each convoy between the Forth and London became almost every day an action in itself. Few large ships were risked on the East coast and none at all in the Channel.

The last six months of 1940 showed extremely heavy losses.



"WAIT, MAYBE I DON'T GO! I AIN'T SO SLEEPY."

modified only by the winter gales, and no great slaughter of U-boats. In the week ending September 22, 27 ships of nearly 160,000 tons were sunk, many of them in a Baltic convoy. In October while the Scheer was also active, another Atlantic convoy was massacred by U-boats, 20 ships being sunk out of 34.

As November and December drew on, the entrances and the estuaries of the Mersey and the Clyde far surpassed in mortal significance all other factors in the war. We could of course at this time have descended upon De Valera's Ireland and regained the Southern ports by force of modern arms. I had always declared that nothing but self-preservation would lead me to this. But perhaps the case of self-preservation might come. Then so be it. Even this hard measure would only have given a mitigation. The only sure remedy was to secure free exit and entrance for the Mersey and the Clyde.

The Diver

Every day when they met, those few who knew looked at one another. One understands the diver deep below the surface of the sea, dependent from minute to minute upon his airpipe. What would he feel if he could see a growing line of sharks biting at it? All the more when there was no possibility of his being hauled to the surface. For us there was no surface. The diver was 40,000,000 people in an overcrowded island, carrying on a vast business of war all over the world, anchored by nature and gravity to the bottom of the sea. What could the sharks do to his airpipe? How could he ward them off or destroy them?

In the week ending June 8, during the height of the battle in France, we had brought into the country 1,201,535 tons of cargo, exclusive of oil. From this point figure imports had declined at the end of July to less than 750,000 tons a week. Although substantial improvement was made in August, the weekly average again fell, and for the last three months of the year was little more than 800,000 tons.

My indignation at the denial of the Southern Irish ports mounted under these pressures.

Prime Minister to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1.11.40.

The straits to which we are being reduced by Irish action compel reconsideration of these subsidies (to Ireland). It can hardly be argued that we can go on paying them till our last grasp.



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RECTIFICATIONS IN GERMAN BOUNDARIES AROUSE PROTESTS

PALESTINE TRIANGLE CHANGE

Tel Aviv, March 27. The Rhodes negotiations between Israel and Transjordan are expected to result in a modification of the Western boundary of the Arab-held Central sector triangle when Iraq hands it over to Transjordan.

The handing over of the triangle, formed by Tulkarm, Nablus and Jenin, not covered by any cease fire agreement and regarded by observers as a danger spot, is believed to be imminent.

It is expected to be accepted by the Israeli side. Transjordan has indicated that negotiations will be opened for a new line.

An Israeli military spokesman confirmed today that a reduction of forces along the Israeli-Palestine frontier line will follow the British forces at Akko. He said there has been no offer of a statement yet on the state of the Syrian-Israeli talks.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting United Nations Palestine Mediator, and some delegates to the Israeli Transjordan armistice negotiations in Rhodes are suffering from dandruff.

Dr. Bunche is confined to bed, but it is not believed that the sickness will last long.

The Israeli-Transjordan negotiations are continuing on minor details, but the major discussions have been held up until the Transjordanians receive replies to queries sent to their Government. —Reuter.

BURMA WANTS TO RE-ENTER FOLD

London, March 28. A responsible British official said yesterday that Burma wants to come back into the Commonwealth.

The source declined to be quoted by name.

There have been several hints that Prime Minister Churchill is thinking of rejoining the Commonwealth. However, no formal move in that direction has occurred.

Burmese diplomats here scoffed at the idea. Speaking unofficially they say anything can happen in a country that is nearly bankrupt and finds itself torn by at least two major insurrections.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister, believes Burma's return to the Commonwealth is possible some day. He said so at a recent news conference in New Delhi.

And it is known that the British are watching for signs that the year-old Republic wants to re-enter the family of British Dominions.

Political informants close to the Rangoon Government believe the Commonwealth countries might soon invite Burma to rejoin the fold.

The political developments in Burma are expected to be one of the subjects to be reviewed by a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers to be held in London about April 20. —Associated Press.

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Berlin, March 28.

The six-power agreement to cut 52 square miles off Germany in Western boundary changes is viewed by many competent sources here as a major diplomatic blunder.

The rectifications affect about 13,500 Germans living in a total area of 52 square miles. They involve 31 points along the West German frontiers with Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Saar and France.

Informants in Berlin feel that delicate situation has been badly handled, particularly in the matter of timing.

In return for minor technical gains which cannot decisively effect the economy of any of the countries receiving German territory, the Western powers, in the opinion of the sources here, have suffered the following losses:

1. They have undermined their own position in relation with that of the Russians. Presumably the Western powers held that the seizure of a large area of Eastern Germany by Russia and Poland was illegal since all border changes must await a peace treaty. Now they have done what they criticized Russia for doing in the East.

2. They have given German Communists a new propaganda weapon with which to attack the West. Communist newspapers in Berlin say that the Western border changes are "thieves' and robbers'."

3. The Western powers have fanned German Nationalist fires at the very time when every effort is being made to heal down such nationalism in favour of European unity.

"A Seizure"

Soviet sources today joined West German politicians in condemning the frontier rectifications.

Backing the German protests, a Berlin despatch to Tass, the official Soviet news agency, today described the rectifications as "a seizure of German territory." "Special attention," Tass added, "is attracted by the Western powers' open recognition of the French annexation of the Saar region, the administration of which, as can be seen from the communiqué is already making claims on Germany in its character as a foreign State."

Earlier, the Soviet-controlled Leipzig Radio said that details of the frontier changes are being concealed. It quoted allegations that some districts concerned have coal deposits amounting to some 100,000,000 tons, wanted by Holland.

Only Provisional
The Western Allies' communiqué described the adjustments as minor and provisional, adding that the problem of Germany's frontiers would be re-examined and settled definitely at the time of the final peace settlement.

It said the adjustments are justified by administrative necessities and by conditions affecting communications along Germany's Western frontiers. The date for putting them into effect would be announced later, the communiqué added.

The Commissions will fix the new frontier line after hearing local authorities.

Most German leaders this week-end claimed that the Western powers' decision is a unilateral action, not in accordance with the Atlantic Charter.

The North Rhine Westphalia Government, in a sharply worded communiqué, accused the Western powers of violating the natural right of self-determination and of declining the reiterated offer to settle the problem by negotiation.

"Hitler System"

Referring to Hitler's terror system, the communiqué said: "The German people now see the democratic victors guilty of the same offence, four years after the end of hostilities."

Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, Western Deputy Mayor of Berlin, said that though the rectifications do not mean great losses, they must be considered as a coercive measure at a time when all people hope for a free course.

"It must be feared that the aggressors in the East could consider these rectifications as an authorization for their own acts of violence," he commented. —Associated Press and Reuter.

Gun Fights In America

New York, March 27. A police patrolman was killed and two other policemen wounded in gun fights with bandits in Astoria, Long Island, today.

The gunman escaped temporarily but later the police announced that they had detained a man for questioning.

The gunman held up a liquor store and stole \$300. Two policemen in a radio car who answered a call to investigate the robbery, questioned the gunman near the store.

He turned and ran into an underground railway station while the police officers in pursuit. In an exchange of shots, Patrolman Anthony Oltmer was killed.

The gunman ran back into the street, where two more policemen stopped him. He drew his pistol and opened fire, wounding both. —Reuter.

GATES BARRED TO JEWS?

New York, March 27. Dr. Robert S. Marcus, political director of the World Jewish Congress, said today that the world's immigration policies seem to be barring the entry of Jews, and forecast that only 20,000 to 30,000 displaced Jews may enter the United States before the International Refugee Organisation expires 1950.

Dr. Marcus said during the same period only 7,000 to 10,000 would be permitted to enter Canada and Latin America.

There are at present 148,000 awaiting resettlement and though 80 per cent of those may reach Israel, there will be 30,000 still unsettled before the IRO expires, he said. —United Press.

Swiss Ready For Anything

Rome, March 27.

General Henry Glusani, Swiss Army Chief, told reporters in Rome that Switzerland will maintain its traditional armed neutrality despite the uncertainty of the international situation.

He added, however, that Switzerland is improving its defence system to discourage any attempted aggression.

"Switzerland can mobilise half a million men perfectly armed within six days," he declared. —Associated Press.

Claims For Freedom From U.S.

Havana, March 27.

Claims for certain Puerto Ricans for a hearing are to be put before the plenary sessions here of the Inter-American Commission on Dependent Territories, which for a fortnight has been discussing colonialism in the Americas.

This was decided last night when a six-hour secret meeting of the Initiative Sub-Committee, set up six days ago to consider a request by representatives of the Puerto Rican Independence and Nationalist parties for a hearing in favour of independence, failed to reach final agreement.

The matter will be discussed briefly again by the Initiative Sub-Committee tomorrow and then the whole subject will be passed to the plenary sessions.

Puerto Rico is a West Indian island in the Antilles group. It was ceded by Spain to the United States in 1898 after the Spanish-American War. Three-quarters of its population of over 2,000,000 are of Spanish descent and the remainder are coloured. —Reuter.

Cripps Wrestling With Budget

London, March 27.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was this week-end wrestling secretly with the astronomical figures of Britain's April 6 annual budget, sustained only by a vegetarian diet and a five-hour sleep each night.

His Spartan routine gave no reflection of Britain's expected internal surplus of £900 million. It was more in the spirit of austerity compelled by the country's still menacing dollar famine.

In seclusion, somewhere in the West of England country, the "Iron" Chancellor, who is regarded as Britain's most hard-worked man, forsook work on his budget for only the briefest intervals.

The discipline of his life is mostly not a matter of inclination. Vegetarianism was forced upon him by an illness. Now he finds he needs only half the sleep of his men-eating days.

Sir Stafford was a sick man when he began the tough drill that brought him back to his extraordinary vigour. He still carries on with the routine.

After a very hot bath followed by a cold sponge down, he strides out on a brisk walk. Then he breakfasts off cereals, vegetables and fruit.

Parliamentarians have observed seriously upon human nature, that although Sir Stafford is held in great esteem, even by his political opponents, people tend to resent his vegetarianism.

It symbolises for them a cold, aloof personality. Such people have never met him. He is, in fact one of the most approachable of political leaders. As the Indians, with whose struggles for independence he was so closely bound up, soon discovered. —Reuter.

ADVICE TO ZIONISTS

London, March 27.

Professor Seilig Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jewry, today advised Zionists to support the Progressive Party in the Israeli Government.

Speaking at this resumed Jubilee Conference in London of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, he claimed that the majority of Zionists are progressive.

"Israel is essentially a labour country," he said, "and Zionism should not be associated with the reactionary view of capitalism." —Reuter.

HIROSHIMA FIRE

Tokyo, March 28.

Atom-bomb victims of Hiroshima were swept by fire which destroyed 450 houses and caused the death of one and injuries to a score of others.

The blaze started in one of the many barrack-markets, which sprung up as centres of black market activities since the war. —Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP ASKS NEW RELATIONS WITH THE STATE

York, March 27.

Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, said today that many people feel there is an urgent need for some change in the present relationship between Church and State in Britain.

In his April Diocesan letter, Dr. Garbett said the individual Anglican churchman has probably greater freedom than the members of any other Church, but the Church as a body is without full spiritual freedom.

This position, justifiable when every member of the State is also a churchman, is anomalous and full of danger now that the Church is in a minority.

A totalitarian State hostile to the Church would have the means of crippling its work, the Archbishop maintained.

Under the present arrangements, Parliament is the supreme arbiter of the constitution of the Church of England and the King, on the advice of the Prime Minister, appoints the bishops.

Few would wish for disestablishment, which, at a time when religion is so fiercely attacked on the Continent, would be regarded as a national repudiation of religion, the Archbishop said.

Must Decide

A change in the relations between Church and State is impossible while the Church is of a divided mind, Dr. Garbett said.

The Church must decide what it wants before it can ask the State for assistance.

Dr. Garbett said many Anglicans are convinced that their Prayer Book now demands both enrichment from the Liturgical treasure houses of the past, and adaptation to present needs.

RUSSIANS 'WOULD MARCH'

Berlin, March 27.

An editorial in the Red Army organ "Tagliche Rundschau," today said that the Russians would march into Western Europe in the event of war.

The writer said: "If the democratic powers fail in their efforts to prevent a new war, the Soviet Army will be forced to march into the territory of certain Western European countries to pursue the imperialist aggressors."

Signing himself Captain A. Morosov, the writer tried to answer speculative articles in the Western press on the military potential of Russia. He contended that the Soviet Union had beaten the Nazis almost single-handed and said the same fate awaited any other aggressor which might attack Russia.

He added that the atom bomb would prove equally dangerous for the aggressors as for the Russians.

"Nobody knows where atom bombs will fall," he said. —United Press.

TRANSLATOR OF KORAN DEAD

Paris, March 27.

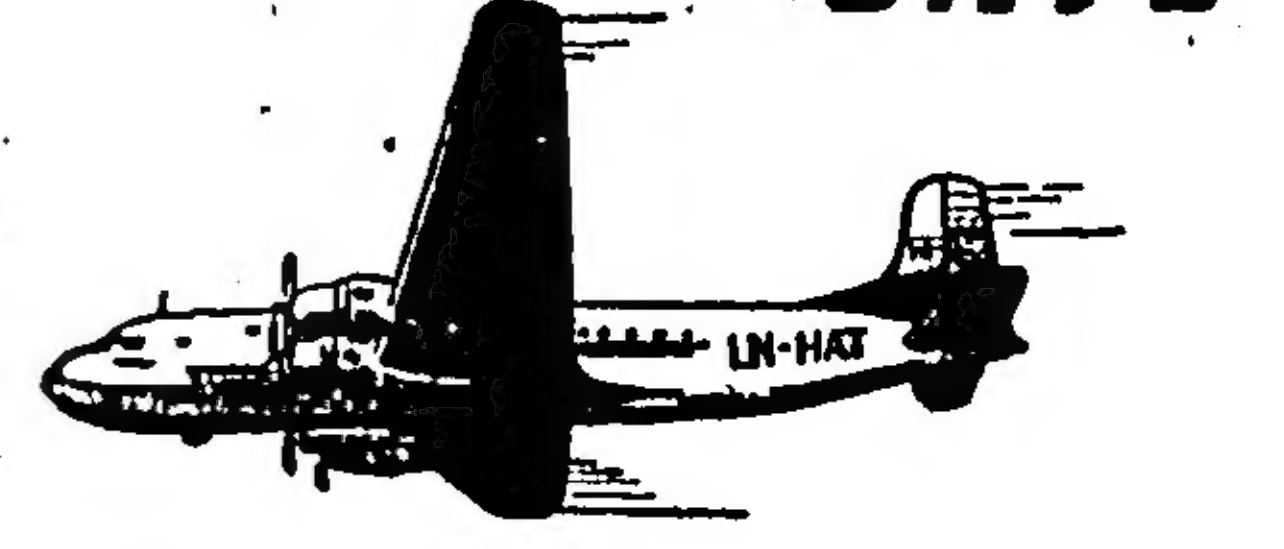
Dr. Joseph Charles Mardrus, French Orientalist, translator of the Koran and the "Arabian Nights," died here today, aged 80.

Dr. Mardrus, a physician, took part in various scientific expeditions to the East and Morocco. —Reuter.

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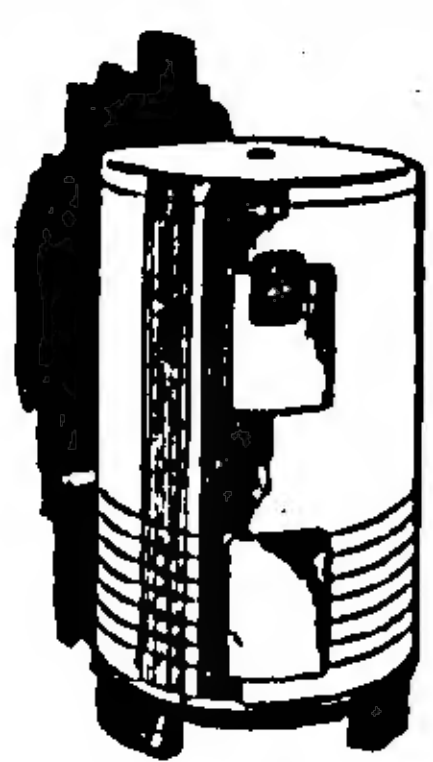
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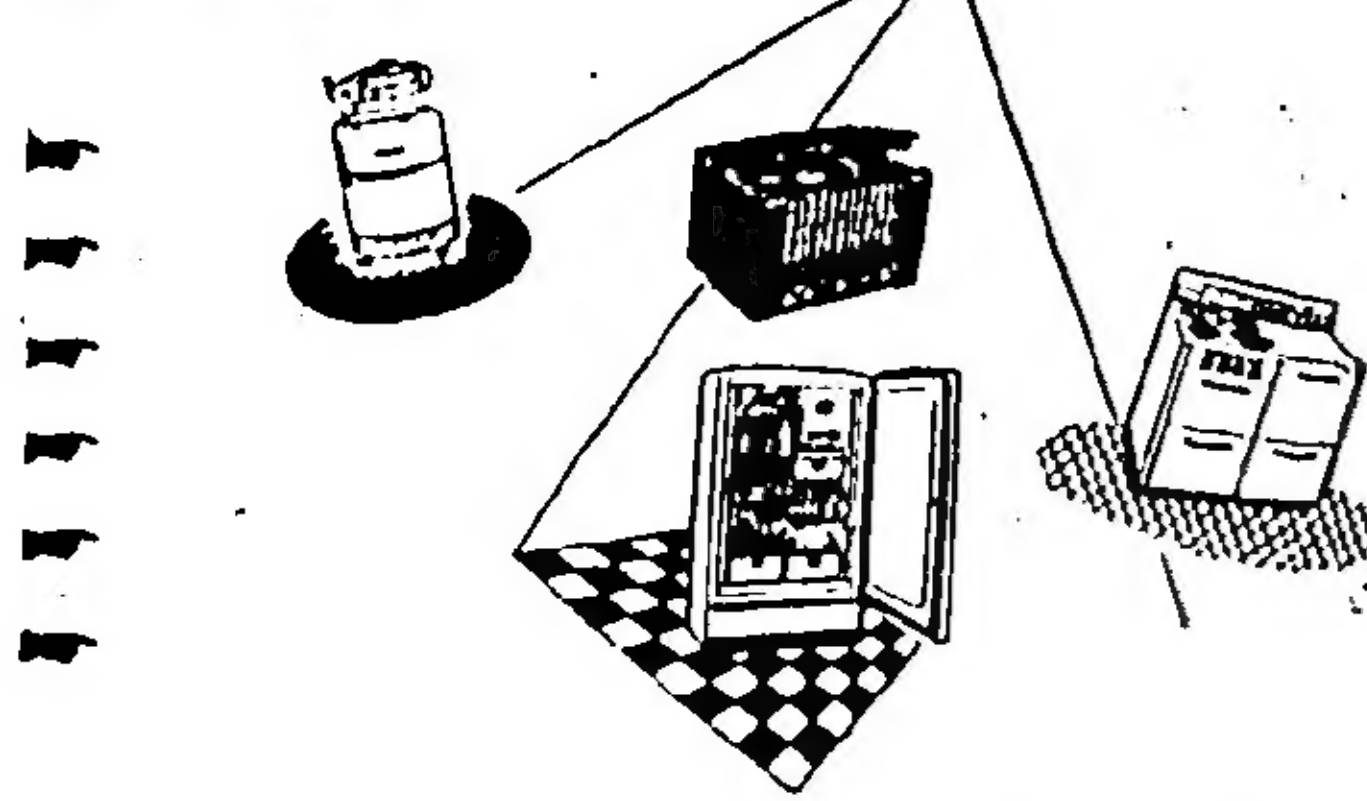
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PEACE CONFERENCE

"RUSSIA AS MUCH TO BLAME AS AMERICA"

New York, March 27.

A speech at the "World Peace Conference" today suggested that Russia is as much to blame as the United States for any drift toward war. It brought the leader of the Soviet delegation to his feet with a hot denial.

Mr. A. A. Fadeev, head of the Soviet Writers Union, challenged the remarks of Dr. Frederick Schuman, professor of Political Science at Williams College, who had said both nations are suffering from paranoia—evading their own faults by shouting war mongers at each other.

Mr. Fadeev said he was astonished at certain aspects of Professor Schuman's speech and asserted: "There are no elements in our country which desire war against the United States or any other country."

Defence of the Soviet Union drew a response from the crowd of 2,500 people gathered in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for the plenary session, which was the last meeting of the party except for the mass rally in Madison Square Garden tonight. After Professor Schuman had spoken, Mr. Fadeev hurried to the microphone and spoke extemporaneously.

"Professor Schuman indicated that, in his opinion, there are elements in the Soviet Union

which to some extent are responsible for the menace to the world, just as he feels there are elements in the United States also responsible.

No, Warmongers

"Professor Schuman is mistaken. There are no elements in our country which desire war against the United States or any other country."

The session passed two resolutions after booing down a man who rose from the audience to ask who was speaking for the United States at the conference. The conference chairman, Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer, ruled the man out of order, saying he wanted to "keep passion out of this."

This first resolution called for strengthening the United Nations as the best hope for peace and for co-operation by this group with other peace movements throughout the world.

Aimed At U.S.

The second resolution, whose preamble denounced racial discrimination, anti-Semitism, the trial of political groups and other barbarous obviously aimed at the United States, called for cultural freedom.

Dr. Shapley said it might seem that the resolution was too critical of the United States. He added: "We realise we have to set our own house in order first. We must have the moral strength to exercise world leadership."

A resolution calling for the organisation to send a delegation to the Intellectual Congress in Paris later this Spring was turned over to the Action Committee.

Britons In Vienna Incident

Vienna, March 27.

Two British Army corporals were knocked down, kicked and struck by Soviet Sentries outside the Russian-occupied Hotel Imperial in Vienna, an official British statement said tonight.

The corporals—Douglas Thompson and Ronald Hudson—were walking past the hotel when Thompson unwittingly stepped inside the barrier, the statement said.

The Russian sentry shouted and Thompson could not understand, and the sentry rushed on him, knocking him down with a rifle butt.

When Hudson pushed the sentry aside, other Russian soldiers rushed out of the hotel, knocked the two men down, kicked and struck them and left them lying stunned in the gutter.

Austrian police picked them up later and handed them over to the international patrol, it was added.—Reuter.

The Nobility OF Work

Vatican City, March 27. Pope Pius XII told 1,200 pottery workers here today that the beauty and nobility of work is a high example of the spiritual life between God and man.

The workers, received in special audience, presented the Pope with several objects of their ceramic art. A number of ceramic industry leaders from Civita Castellana, North of Rome, were also present.—Associated Press.

URANIUM FIND IN KENT?

Rochester, March 27.

A Ministry of Supply expert has been asked to find out whether the magnetic ores discovered in Sealers Hill colliery, Kent, contain uranium.

The colliery owner, Leon Franchel, said today: "What are their possibilities in relation to atomic research we cannot say without the necessary testing apparatus. We have asked the Ministry to send down one of their scientists to go over the whole place."

It had earlier been reported in London that uranium had been found in a Kent colliery. Mr. Franchel said a hotel some time ago to work Sealers Hill, which was small enough to escape nationalisation, after a Welsh mining engineer had noticed black rainwater there.—Reuter.

POW'S RETURNED

Jerusalem, March 27.

A total of 314 Arab prisoners of war were today handed over to the Arab Legion in Jerusalem by the Israeli authorities.

One Jew who wandered into an Arab-held area last week was returned to the Israeli lines. Among the officials watching the transfer was Colonel Abdullah Tel, the Arab Military Governor of Jerusalem. He was dressed in a military uniform and carried a sword as the Arab Civil Commander in the Old City.—Reuter.

Appeal Issued By Trade Unions

London, March 27.

British, United States and Dutch trade union leaders today appealed to national trade union centres still affiliated to the Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions to consider their withdrawal.

The appeal was signed by Mr. Arthur Deakin and Mr. Vincent Tewson, for the British Trades Union Congress; Mr. James Carey, Secretary of the Ameri-

can Congress of Industrial Organisations; and M. Evert Kuipers, on behalf of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of The Netherlands.

The four leaders staged the walk-out from the WFTU Executive Bureau in January, which ended the affiliation of over 15,000,000 British, American and Dutch trade unionists to the Federation.

Today's statement, published through the British TUC, detailed the difficulties encountered by the Western movement in co-operating with the Eastern European movements in the WFTU.

The appeal accused the Communist trade unions of systematically pressing demands of a political character. It mentioned the abortive negotiations with the International Trade Secretariats (international federations organised by industry), disagreements within the WFTU missions to Germany, Japan and Persia, and the WFTU decision to refuse affiliation to German trade unions until the movements in the occupation zones were united.

The appeal ended: "The old line up of a Communist International and a Free Trade Unions International seems shattered. There is no longer a World Federation. The oldest and most experienced trade union movements will be outside."

Publication of the appeal coincided with the arrival of the TUC leaders in the United States for talks with CIO and the American Federation of Labour leaders on a new international body to rival the World Federation of Trade Unions.—Reuter.

PICKED UP BY RELIEF PLANE

Bologna, March 27.

A relief plane today picked up 23 passengers of a four-engine Greek airliner manned by a British crew, which made an emergency landing here last night.

The aircraft, believed to be going to Athens from Paris, developed engine trouble just after passing Bologna.—Reuter.

LORD LISTOWEL

Auckland, March 27.

Lord Listowel, the subject of whose discussion continues to be deep secret, left Auckland for Sydney, Australia, by air this morning.—Associated Press.

WALLACE SAYS:-

'ATLANTIC PACT IS ALLIANCE FOR WAR'

New York, March 27.

Mr. Henry Wallace, leader of the Progressive Party, today declared that the United States would be at war with Russia now if she had been bound in Asia by a treaty like the Atlantic pact.

He characterised the pact as a war alliance aimed at the Soviet Union, and implied that Japan would be America's ally should war come.

"Luckily there was no pact binding us to Chiang Kai-shek. If there had been a treaty like the Atlantic pact covering the Far East, we should now be at war with Russia on the Asiatic mainland."

"As it is, we have wasted billions in money of American tax-payers. More important, where once the name of America was held in the highest honour, the Chinese people now regard us as their enemies. Millions of them hold us responsible for feeding the fires of the civil war that might have been avoided."

Mr. Wallace spoke on a nationwide radio network in reply to the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson's defence of the pact on March 18.

The former Vice-President said: "The Atlantic pact moves the heart of America right up to the muzzle of the first gun fired in Europe. And it commits us, without the right of deciding for ourselves, to another European war."

In his only reference to Japan, Mr. Wallace asked: "Does anyone imagine that the Japanese, with their emperor intact and his admirals and generals at his side, will not be next on the list of American allies?"

Irony In China

This reference came right after his denunciation of Generalissimo Franco of Spain as the creature of Hitler and Mussolini who, Wallace said, in November, 1944, first proposed in a letter to Winston Churchill a Western alliance against Russia.

"Fascist Spain is in our camp because she hates Russia," Mr. Wallace said. "We did in China exactly what the Atlantic pact would have us do in Europe. We spent some \$6,000,000,000 to arm the Chiang Kai-shek Government. We trained whole divisions of the army and its entire air force."

"What happened? Whereas the country was only partially Communist when our military aid began, today it is all but completely Communist. And the irony is that the Communists are in front part using American equipment that they captured—sometimes bought—from Chiang's armies."

Mr. Wallace said that conditions in China have taken such a turn that even American businessmen whose very essence is conservatism pleaded through the press for a hands-off policy on the internal life of China.

"War Alliance"

"Similar results can be expected in Europe where, in answer to Russia's offer to sign a pact, we took out our differences, the State Department and the White House replied with the pact. This is a war alliance."

The first victim of the pact would be the United Nations. He ridiculed justifying the pact as a

regional pact in conformity with the United Nations charter, asking: "What kind of 'region' is it that covers everything from the Aleutian Islands in the North Pacific to Arica? Stripped of its legal verbiage, the Atlantic military pact gives the United States Army military bases up to the very borders of the Soviet Union."

Mr. Wallace said that if the people of the United States would trial pre themselves in the Russian place, they would understand the true meaning of the Atlantic pact.

He asked: "Supposing the Soviets had military bases on the Mexican border? The Canadian border? Or Cuba? Could a treaty which put guns in our faces be called a pact of peace?"

"Hypocrisy"

"Has it ever happened in the world that the massing of armed men brought peace? Has it not always brought war? To call the Atlantic pact a peaceful thing is hypocrisy and nothing less."

Mr. Wallace quoted Mr. John Foster Dulles, leading Republican foreign policy spokesman, as saying that no responsible official in the United States believes that Russia plans military aggression. "If Mr. Dulles is right, and I think he is, if the Soviet Union does not plan military aggression, then to surround them with military bases becomes an act of aggression on our part. The road to peace is not lined with military bases. The road to bankruptcy is."

Mr. Wallace said that the pact forces all of Europe to rearm and to fling away its final hope for peace. He said: "We impose on Europe again its ancient curse—a massive standing army. A rearm Europe can never be self-supporting. The pact will impoverish Europe."—United Press.

Italy's Part In Pact Approved

Rome, March 27.

The Senate tonight approved Italian participation in the Atlantic Pact by 188 votes to 112, with eight abstentions.

Immediately after the vote in the Senate, the Opposition presented an Order of the Day asking that the Government take immediate steps for the

conclusion of pacts of friendship and non-aggression between Italy and the Soviet Union and the "popular democracies."

The Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, said: "The moment is badly chosen for this, because this group of nations voted against the entry of Italy into the United Nations."

He prepared to make such negotiations when these nations give proof of their friendship by withdrawing their opposition to our entry into the United Nations."

The Senate rejected a motion by the Communist and pro-Communist Socialist opposition in favour of immediate negotiations for such treaties by 178 votes to 105.

The Government majority of 76 on the vote on the Atlantic Pact was about what had been expected.

Senator de Gasperi told the Senate tonight that in the preliminary information that Italy received on the Atlantic Pact, no invitation to Spain to join the pact was foreseen. He was referring to the Communist claim that Spain would be included in the pact.

Signor de Gasperi was winding up for the Government the seven-day old Senate debate on whether Italy should join the pact. He referred to Article 4 of the pact, which the Communists have said would make it impossible for foreign powers to intervene when there is an internal conflict in one of the contracting countries.

He interpreted Article 4 as referring to operations by armed irregulars sustained from abroad, and not to civil conflicts.—Reuter.

RESCUED FROM ICE PACK

The seven men crew of the United States' C-82 plane have been evacuated from the coast of Ellesmere Island in the Arctic, according to the North West Air Command Rescue Headquarters.

The seven flyers had been marooned on the ice since Friday when they crash-landed.—Force restrictions.—United Press/United Press.



HENRY WALLACE

Accident Could Mean War

London, March 27.

Moscow Radio's commentary on the Atlantic Pact today said: "It is not difficult to produce the accident on an airline or ocean that could plunge the United States into war."

The broadcast added: "The pact's Article Six means that any attack on a ship belonging to Britain on the high seas would plunge the United States into war. Provided the desire is there, it is not difficult to produce an accident on an airline or on the ocean."

The radio said the Soviet Government more than once had proposed the settling of all existing differences with the United States by peaceful means and the Soviet will continue the struggle for peace with more energy and determination than ever before.

The broadcast concluded: "It is hard to deny that a Soviet-American pact of peace would not only have regulated Soviet-American relations but would have strengthened international peace and security to a considerable degree."—United Press.

Belgrade Attack On Albania

Belgrade, March 27.

The Belgrade press today launched an attack on what it described as the monstrous comedy of the anti-Yugoslav spy trials in Bulgaria and Albania.

Four Yugoslavs were sentenced to from one to 12 years' imprisonment in Sofia last Thursday on a charge of spying for Marshal Tito. An employee of the Yugoslav Railway Ministry, Sava Bozidarovic, who returned from Albania last November, is being tried in his absence by a Tirana Military Court for endangering the security of the State.

The newspaper "Borba" alleged that both trials were provocations against Yugoslavia, staged as a cover for Albanian and Bulgarian efforts to infiltrate agents and saboteurs into Yugoslavia. It said that many Albanian agents are already in the hands of the Yugoslav police.

Another purpose of the Tirana trials, "Borba" continued, was to produce evidence to justify the recent arrest of the former Albanian Minister of the Interior, M. Kosta Djodja, accused of pro-Tito activities, and to concoct a case against him.

M. Bozidarovic and the Albanian defendants were also accused of attempting to help him to escape, it said. M. Djodja's arrest, "Borba" asserted, was an attempt of the parasite clique which was gathered around the Albanian Premier, General Enver Hodja, and hiding behind the friendship of the Soviet Union, to liquidate the best-thrust elements in the country.

Americans Have New Weapon

Baltimore, March 27.

The plane-maker, Glenn Martin, revealed today that his company is producing a new type of guided missile for the Air Force.

He refused to discuss the project in detail but said it is expected to be an important step forward in the development of new weapons for national defence.

Mr. Martin also revealed: 1. A new Air Force bomber of revolutionary design is taking shape in the company's drafting rooms.

2. The first test of the Viking Rocket, designed for experimental use by the Navy in the ionosphere, will be held soon at secret Government proving grounds.

In a statement to be presented to the Company's annual stockholders meeting on April 12, Mr. Martin mentioned the new missile, but said he could not discuss it in detail because of Air Force restrictions.—United Press.

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LLOYDS MERGER REVEALED

London, March 28.
Lloyds-Register of Shipping and the British Corporation (Register of Shipping) are to be amalgamated, Sir Ronald Garrett, Chairman of Lloyds Register, announced today.

The British Corporation will be merged with Lloyds Register under the title of "Lloyds Register of Shipping" and the staff of Lloyds Register, the Corporation name being a sub-title.

Publication of the British Corporation Register book will be discontinued and the British Corporation staff will be merged with the staff of Lloyds Register. Some time will elapse before the fusion is complete.

Sir Ronald will remain Chairman of the amalgamated concern.

Lloyds Register, strengthened by the addition of the British Corporation and the American Bureau of Shipping, are now one of the two predominant, though independent, classification societies.

They cover between them some 80 per cent of the world's merchant tonnage.

Lloyds Register, established in 1760, reconstituted in 1834 and a worldwide organisation by the end of the 19th century, is much the oldest classification society in the world. Reuter.

Programme To Aid Steel Industry

Paris, March 28.
A U.S.\$100,000,000 programme to modernise Western Europe's steel industry with ECA funds is being considered by ECA officials.

It was reported that the programme calls for the buying of modern rolling mills and rolling mill equipment as part of a long-term plan in Western Europe.

The plan already approved by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation covers Austria, Italy, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Turkey and Norway.

Mr. George W. Perkins, head of the industry division of ECA here, said it would be the first time such a programme is attempted on an international basis. He said it is almost certain to be approved.

Mr. Kenneth E. Brown, head of the iron and steel section of ECA, said that ECA countries asked for aid in buying modern equipment to increase the efficiency of the steel industry.

He said U.S.\$100,000,000 would cover Western Europe's need for ore mining equipment required to assure a steady flow of raw materials needed by the steel industry, to each production and rolling mill equipment for the production of short supply items, such as sheets, plates and tin plate and for such products as reinforcing bars, wire rods, pipes and tubes. United Press.

"Wonder Drug" In Synthetic Form

Washington, March 27.
The "Wonder Drug" chloromycetin, which has proved successful in the treatment of typhus and other fevers, has now been produced synthetically on a practical scale for the first time.

Simultaneously with the announcement today by Parks, Davis and Company, the United States Army Medical Corps stated that it is testing the drug in the Malay jungles.

A team of doctors and scientists which tested the natural drug on native patients in Malaya last year, has now resumed studies on a broader scale.

Now the Army unit is testing

ATTACHE KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Bombay, March 27.
Press reports today said J. W. Thompson, aged 29, press attache at the United States Consulate in Calcutta, and Wing-Commander Hem Chaudhuri of the Indian Air Force were killed yesterday when their plane plunged into the Ganges River at Nangang Ghat, 10 miles out of Calcutta.

Wing-Commander Chaudhuri was piloting a two-seater plane, a Canadian-made Chipmunk, when it developed engine trouble at about 2,000 feet after taking off from Barabopore airport. The bodies were recovered about 40 minutes after the crash. United Press.

Washington, March 28.
Foreign Ministers of 10, perhaps 12, Western nations will gather here this week to sign the Atlantic Security Pact and open a new era of Western unity in the bitter power struggle with Russia.

Attempts are expected to be made to advance toward an agreement on four or more major international subjects. These involve Italian colonies, Western Germany, other regional alliances and Atlantic defence machinery.

Most of the European foreign policy leaders, among them Britain's Ernest Bevin and Robert Schuman of France, are due here about Thursday. But some are coming earlier and indications are that the Italian Foreign Minister, Carlos Sforza might arrive on Monday.

These men and others, such as the Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, are coming not only to sign the treaty but also to learn out among themselves and with the U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, issues requiring action of the Western powers, in other words, of the cold war.

These issues include:

1. The Italian colony problem in the United Nations.
2. The major question is the kind of control for the colonies stripped from Italy as a result of the war.

Pacific Pact

The issue is whether Italy should exercise a United Nations trusteeship over them or whether some other kind of administration should be provided.

2. Unification and development of Western Germany. This is a topic of primary concern for Mr. Acheson, Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman. They are expected to take it up in a special but informal conference.

3. What to do about regional alliances in other parts of the world outside the Atlantic area, particularly the Near East and Mediterranean area. M. Bevin has already discussed this problem with the Foreign Ministers of Greece and Turkey.

Cardinal Held In Isolation

Vatican City, March 27.
The U.S. State Department is interested in learning the circumstances under which Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty is being held in prison, the Vatican Radio said today.

"This interest," a Vatican news broadcast added, "is due to reports that the Cardinal is kept in complete isolation and is suffering extreme mental depression."

The same broadcast said that Cardinal Mindszenty is serving a life sentence imposed by a Hungarian People's Court. Hungarian Communist authorities announced recently that Cardinal is being detained in suitable living quarters, not in a prison cell. Associated Press.

Constitution For Europe

London, March 27.
Five new member States—Italy, Elze, Sweden, Norway and Denmark—will be represented when the Council of Europe conference opens at the Foreign Office here tomorrow for further work on an already partly prepared Constitution.

According to the plans so far worked out by the original Western Union members of the Council, the Assembly of Europe is to have a deliberative but not a legislative function.

It would be empowered to make recommendations to its Committee of Ministers, which alone would exercise executive power. It has been further recommended, in the provisional proposals submitted to the founding Western Union powers by the Council's Permanent Commission in February, that defence and most economic questions shall not be within the Council's terms of reference. Reuter.

Closure Of Russian Consulates

Teheran, March 27.
The Persian Government refused comment, confirmation or denial of reports that the Soviet Government is closing down its consular offices in Persia.

At the same time, usually reliable sources said the Soviet Embassy notified the Persian Government on March 20 of the Soviet Government's intention to close the consulates.

Reports from the provinces reaching Teheran said the Soviet consulates in Isfahan, Tabriz and Meshed are packing up and are ready to move. More than three years ago, the Persian Government asked the Soviet Government, which maintained 12 consulates in Persia, against one Persian consulate in Soviet Russia at Baku, to close down in accordance with reciprocity agreements.

The Soviet Government has closed down four consulates since, but eight consulates still exist here. Diplomatic quarters here believe the Soviet action was prompted by the disproportionate cost of maintenance to the results obtained.

It was reported in Washington last Friday that the Soviet Government was closing down its consular offices at Tabriz, Meshed and Ahwaz. Reports received did not make it clear whether this constituted a formal closing down of the consulates. Reuter.

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The new design eliminates bulky equipment—oxygen can be sucked from a wall outlet and vacuum pipe facilities permit the draining of wounds. Small attachments instantly at hand can be plugged into the proper wall outlet. United Press.

Development Of New Hospital Room

Boston, March 28.

Two industrial engineers reported today the development of a hospital room that will save money, give the nurse more time and let the patient take care of himself.

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Guerillas Harried

Athens, March 27.
Further losses have been inflicted on a large guerrilla band which is being pursued and attacked in the Mount Tzoumerka area of Epirus, an Army communique said today.

The communique stated that between March 23 and 25, the guerrilla band lost 122 killed and 261 prisoners were taken.

A General Staff spokesman said that the original strength of the band was about 1,500. It was led by General Karyoroghis, editor of the suppressed Communist newspaper "Rizospastis."

The band, said the spokesman, are suffering heavily and they have been constantly engaged in fighting for nearly three weeks. They are running short of food supplies.

Twenty more guerrillas were killed and 42 captured in other areas of Greece. Associated Press.

LARGEST CRANE BLOWN UP

Hamburg, March 27.
A demolition squad, acting on the orders of the British Military Government, today blew up Germany's largest crane, a 300-foot high floating crane which was one of the most striking features of Hamburg's harbour.

The crane had been damaged during the Allied bombing of Hamburg. One of the four largest ever built, it could lift loads of up to 380 tons. Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA

Vienna, March 27.
Demonstrators against the Atlantic Pact here this afternoon threw stones and broke windows of an American-driven car passing the meeting, organised by the Communist-led League of Democratic Women.

A large crowd watched the demonstration without much enthusiasm. The marchers held banners with the slogan: "The Atlantic Pact is a war pact." Reuter.

INDIA HOLDS SECRET TO EMPIRE TALKS

London, March 27.
India alone is believed here to hold the main secret of the impending Dominion Prime Ministers' Conference—the formula which may enable her as a republic to maintain Commonwealth co-operation.

The Commonwealth countries have indicated their desire that India should continue this co-operation after assuming her new status in August.

But India herself is expected to suggest to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers, when they meet in London late next month, how she thinks this can be done.

The whole future concept of the Commonwealth is likely to hinge upon India's action.

Speculation upon the formula likely to prove acceptable both to India and the other nations of the Commonwealth is considered pointless meanwhile, since the initiative lies with India and not with the other members of the Commonwealth.

Suggestions have been revived of a graduation of Commonwealth membership that would reconcile the national aspirations of the various Dominions. But political quarters here think that the new India would not welcome any association which employed a differentiation of status between the Dominions.

Urgent Problem

On the other hand, several of the Dominions consider Crown to be the indispensable symbol of the Commonwealth association. This is one of the main problems that will have to be solved in the forthcoming conversations.

The possibility that the whole future concept of Commonwealth relations may have to be modified in the light of the changing world conditions, was clearly visualised when the Dominion Prime Ministers met in London last October.

The emergence of the new Republic of India and of independent Pakistan and Ceylon has given an urgency to the consideration of this new concept.

Pacific Defence

Many vital questions of concern to all the Dominions, including Commonwealth security in relation to the South East Asian Communist upsurge and Southern Pacific defence, are being dealt with the present constitutional problem.

Clearly the Dominions as a whole can have no complete picture of future Commonwealth safeguards for peace and economic development until it is known, for instance, whether India, consistent with her national aspirations and outlook, feels she can be identified with them.

Red Army Accuses Western Allies

London, March 28.
"Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, today accused the United States and Britain of rebuilding the former German General Staff and Army in order to turn Western Germany into their military strategic base.

An article on the subject was broadcast by the Moscow Radio and heard here. It said:

"A bureau known as 'Erfurt' has been set up in Neustadt, staffed by the German Generals, Guderian, Kuchler, Schultz and others."

"They have been set the task of summarising the experience of the military operations on the Soviet-German frontier."

"In addition, some sort of German General Staff has been formed under the guise of a military historical committee."

"It is directed by the war criminal Hitler, former chief of Hitler's General Staff, and is working in close contact with a special department composed of 27 German Generals attached to the American General Staff in Washington."

"Red Star" said that the alleged staff work by the German Generals is an undertaking similar to what the Germans carried out between the two world wars.

"A German Army actually is being set up in Western Germany in the form of various semi-military organisations and even undisciplined military formations," the Russian Army newspapers said.

As examples of these alleged organisations, it mentioned ex-soldiers' unions, hunting clubs, sports clubs, industrial police and labour squads.

In the British occupation zone, it said, German youths are being taught hand grenade throwing bayonet fighting, and similar aspects of military training.

"Red Star" claimed that hundreds of thousands of Germans, mainly of the former Nazi Army, are being brought into these formations. Associated Press.

TARUC ATTACKS PACIFIC PACT

Manila, March 28.
Luis Taruc, Communist leader of Hukbalahap guerrillas, denounced the proposal of President Elpidio Quirino for a Pacific defence alliance led by the United States.

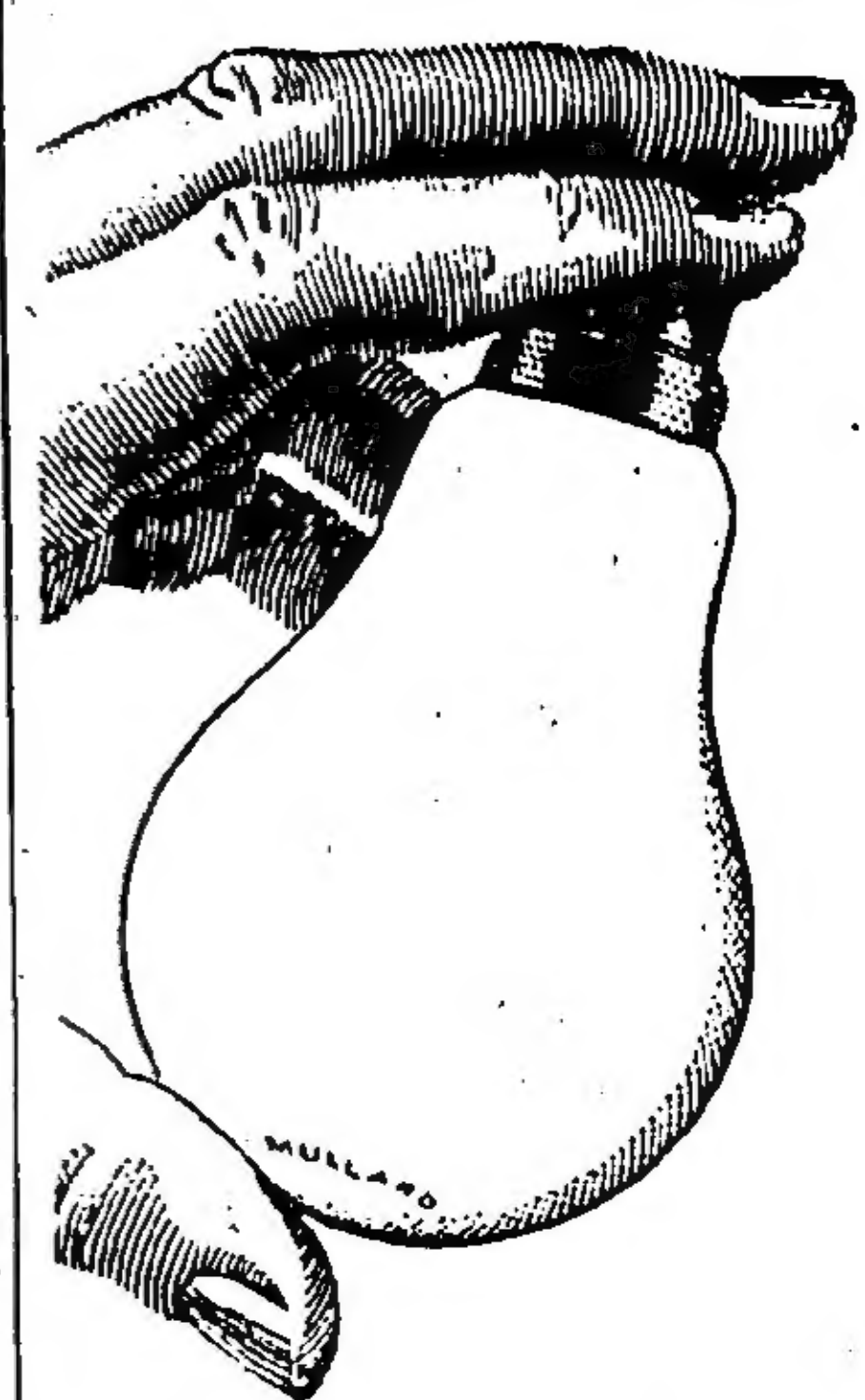
In a letter to the "Manila Times" from his secret Luzon headquarters, Taruc said: "Fresh betrayal of national interests looms as the Quirino administration prepares to offer American imperialism even more concessions in our country in exchange for bayonets to prop his (Quirino's) rule."

The letter was written for the seventh anniversary of the Huk movement, which falls today. Associated Press.

BAMBOO GROWING IN BRITAIN

London, March 27.
British chemical research has developed a new type of scientifically composed "soil structure" which, during the war when Eastern supplies were cut off, helped to reproduce jungle conditions in Cornwall so that bamboo would grow there in millions.

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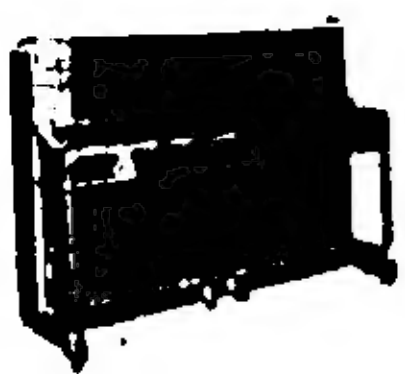
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"DEMOCRATISATION" OF JAPAN NOT COMPLETED

Tokyo, March 27.

Prayers For Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, March 27.
Prayers are being said in
all churches in the Abyssinian
capital today for the success
of the Ethiopian delegate to
the United Nations General
Assembly in New York,
where the future of the
Italian colonies will be dis-
cussed.

An Ethiopian Foreign
Ministry spokesman today
challenged Italy's right to
distribute a memorandum on
Eritrea. He stated that
Ethiopia had never asked for
trusteeship over Eritrea but
for union with it.—Reuter.

Russians Say 'Yes' For Once

Berlin, March 27.
The Russians announced to-
day that they would agree with
the Western occupying powers
to put all Germany on Summer
time on April 10.

They expressed the hope that
the added daylight would help to
alleviate the electric power short-
age in their blockade-pinched
occupation zone.

The Western Powers announced
a week ago they were putting
clocks ahead an hour next month
in Western Germany and Western
Berlin. While the Russians hesi-
tated with a similar announce-
ment, the prospect existed that
the divided city might have to
cope with two time schedules.

But today, the Soviet Army
paper announced that Eastern
Germany's clocks would be moved
ahead and promised relief from
the drastic power ration, for fac-
tories and homes, which had been
imposed last Autumn.

The new schedule will put all
Germany two hours ahead of
Greenwich Mean Time.—Associated
Press.

The job of democratizing Japan has not yet been
completed, according to American education
officials here.

They believe the whole Japanese education pro-
gramme is threatened by the shifting of em-
phasis from reform to Japan's economic re-
covery.

They see the American-
inspired nine-point economic
rehabilitation and reconstruc-
tion programme for Japan as
meaning less education for the
Japanese and less training to-
ward the democratic way of life.
Some of these officials are
frankly and openly worried
about it.

Figures revealed on the pro-
posed Japanese budget indicate
substantial curtailment in ap-
propriations for implementation of
the educational system.
Dr. A. K. Loomis, of General
MacArthur's education division,
believes that such curtailment
will have serious consequences.
However, Dr. Loomis said that
the proposals in the budget for

the fiscal year 1949-50 now be-
fore the Diet are still in the fluid
stage and that education officials
hope to salvage at least part of
their original requests.
The budget has been composed
by the Japanese Government on
suggestions from General Mac-
Arthur's economic and scientific
section which is also co-ordinat-
ing the implementation of the
nine-point programme.

Cuts Attacked

There is considerable dif-
ference of opinion between
the education section and
economic experts on the merits
of the educational appropri-
ations.

The cry for restoration of cuts
in education funds does not come
just from Allied personnel who
are interested in seeing the re-
form and re-education pro-
gramme continued here.

It also comes from such
powerful organs as Japan's lar-
gest newspaper, the Mainichi,
which has a daily circulation of
3,500,000.

A "Mainichi" editorial attacks
the cuts in the educational ap-
propriations on the grounds that
they not only would do away
with the frills but with essentials
and that future Japanese genera-
tions would be badly educated
and unprepared for their role as
proper citizens of the nation.

Many Allied officials and neu-
tral observers who have been
in Japan since the end of the
war firmly believe that more
instead of less emphasis should
be placed on the Japanese educa-
tion system by the Allies, and
that more of the funds from the
United States should be used to
the re-education of the Japanese
along democratic lines.

There has even been some cri-
ticism of the fact that there has
not been enough effort here to
sell democracy to the Japanese
people through schools which are
in a position to train Japan's
coming generations.—United
Press.

New Theory On Cancer

London, March 27.
Experiments carried out by
Dr. W. E. Gys, Director of
the Imperial Cancer Research
Fund, and his colleagues
may, according to the Brit-
ish Medical Journal, lead to
the biggest advance in can-
cer research for many years.
In most fields of research
the view is held that cancer
is mainly produced by
chemical agents. But in a
paper published in the
Journal, Dr. Gys says: "The
experimental evidence points
to the conclusion that cancer
has a continuing cause and
that this, in mammals, as in
birds, is a virus."

The Journal comments that
if this conclusion can be safe-
ly accepted then it means
that of the current theories
of the nature of cancer some
90 per cent can be quietly
relegated to the waste paper
basket, leaving investigators
free to concentrate on a much
more limited number of
which certain obvious paths
are clearly indicated.—Reu-
ter.

NETWORK OF SPIES ALLEGED

Buenos Aires, March 27.
The police said today that a
middle-aged Russian doctor is a
member of a vast network of
foreign spies operating in
Argentina.

Dr. Matwiyev, aged 52, was
arrested yesterday on suspicion
of smuggling. Search of his belong-
ings disclosed 500 cigarette
holders valued at 6,000 pesos and
a variety of electrical equipment,
all believed to have been smug-
gled into the country.

However, the searches also
found a plan of the Public Works
Ministry and National Sanitation
Department, charts tracing Buenos
Aires' principal water mains and
notebooks filled with writing in
code.

The Federal police also an-
nounced the arrest of an unidenti-
fied smuggling suspect, but did
not indicate whether this was
connected with Matwiyev case.
—United Press.

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Lesson 31 (D)

Vocabulary:

176. (to) 'toh

Stomach.

177. (ngoh) 'ngaw

Hungry.

Combinations:

11. Sui' yeen.

Although.

12. Haw' yee.

May. Can.

13. 'Toh ngaw.

Hungry.

A Story: (Continued)

21. Sui' yeen 'kui' moh

Although he was without
money, (but) he wasn't
afraid, because he had many
fine suits which could be
sold to people.

tseon' 'daan' hai' 'kui' m pah'.

yun' 'wai' 'kui' yau hoh'.

daw' leng' shaam' 'foo'.

haw' yee' maaye bay'.

yun ah'.

22. 'Kui' noy-but' 'noy

From time to time he took
some clothing to sell.

ning' 'dee' shaam' hui'.

maaye.

23. 'Kui' yut' 'yau tseon'

As soon as he had money, he
(then) would invite friends
to a feast.

'dzau tseon' 'pung' yau

yum'.

24. 'Moh' gay' 'noy' 'kui'

Soon, he (then) had sold all
his clothing.

'dzau yee' ging'.

maaye saaye' 'kui' dee'

shaam' 'foo' lok'.

25. Gaw' jun' shee' 'kui'

By then, he had no money to
spend, nothing to sell, no
hotel to lodge in, no clothes
to wear and also no food to
eat.

'moh tseon' shai'.

'moh yeh' maaye,

'moh dzau' deen' 'jue,

'moh shaam' 'jeuk'.

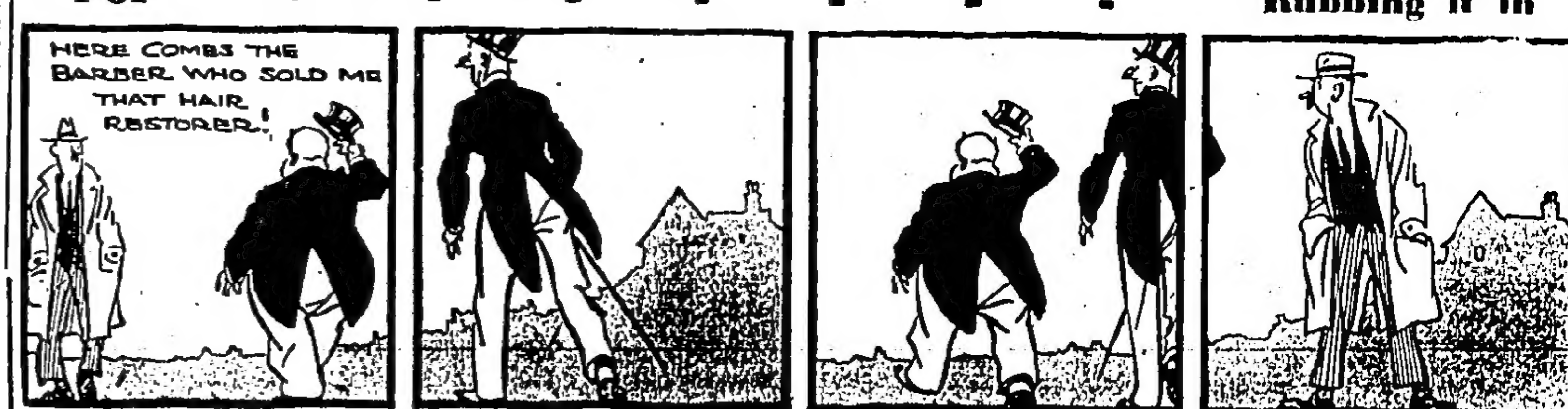
'yau moh' faan shik.

26. 'Kui' hoh' 'toh' ngaw.

He was very hungry.

(To be continued)

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